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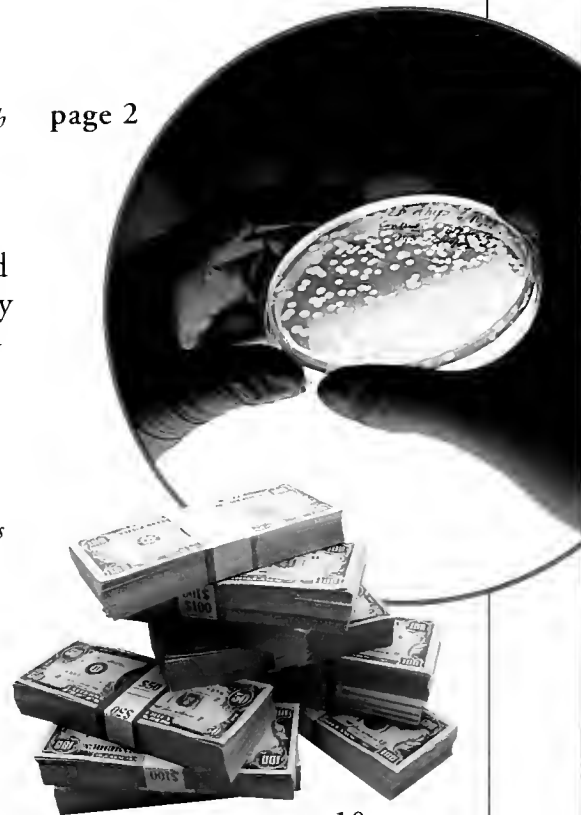
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Facing Page: *The Carnegie Building*, formerly the Carnegie Library, currently houses the offices of Admission and Financial Aid. Carnegie was built through a \$50,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie pledged on New Year's Day 1905.

**Editor's Notes:** An error in September's *Honor Roll of Donors* led to the misspelling of three memorial scholarships. We apologize for the error and now provide the correct names: The Joshua Seitz Frey Memorial Biological Scholarship, The Mr. Laurence W. Melsky '73 Memorial Scholarship and The Vernon E. Pocius Jr. '99 Memorial Scholarship.

In the Spring 2003 issue of *The Valley*, Marcia Hannah Cromer '66 was incorrectly identified in her photograph on page 38.

Over 50 years ago, Dr. H. Anthony Neidig, a 1943 graduate and new member of the College's chemistry faculty, created a summer research program for his chemistry students. The findings from those initial experiments were published in a 1950 edition of the prestigious *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, a rare feat for the undergraduates who co-authored the work. Neidig, now professor *emeritus* of chemistry, went on to a distinguished career at the College, and the program he initiated became a vital component of the sciences at Lebanon Valley.

# LEARNING

BY MARY BETH HOWER

“Joint student-faculty research is the engine that drives the whole program in chemistry,” said Dr. Owen Moe Jr., Vernon and Doris Bishop Distinguished

Professor of Chemistry, “and we are seeing it more and more in physics, biology and psychology.”

Though research is often more prominent in the sciences, it plays a role in every academic department on campus. “It is expected of all faculty to be engaged in some kind of research, though the character of that research and its extent can vary from place to place,” said Dr. Stephen MacDonald, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. He explained that student-faculty research, while occurring in other departments on campus, tends to be more feasible in the sciences. “It is more natural in the sciences for faculty and students to work together designing projects that invoke a series of tasks and

analysis of data. It is very common in chemistry, for example, to have papers published by four or five authors, which is not usually the case in other disciplines such as music, history and religion.”

For 23 students, the summer of 2003 was a 10-week immersion into the world of collaborative research and laboratory work. According to Moe, 80 percent of LVC students involved in summer research go on to earn either doctorates or medical degrees, many at prestigious institutions such as Princeton, Cornell and Northwestern.

From the beginning, grant support has been vital to the success of research on the LVC campus. Neidig's pilot program was supported by a three-year grant from Research Corporation. Today, projects receive funding from a variety of government and private-funding agencies, including the Whitaker Foundation, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), Merck Foundation, and American

BY





# DOING

*Above: Dr. Carl Wigal, chair and professor of chemistry, works on an experiment with Sophia Kwon '06 and Gary Romberger '04. The group is continuing research begun in the summer of 2005 under a grant from the Whitaker Foundation.*

*Below Left: Mary Olanich '05 is in her second year of student research, having worked with professors in the Psychology and Biology Departments the previous summer.*

*Below Right: Jordan Newell '05 reviews related literature in the student lounge of the Garber Science Center.*



**Editor's Note:** While preparing this science timeline, we were inspired by great ideas from our science faculty, emeriti, friends and colleagues alike. This article includes just a few highlights from the first 100 years of science at LVC — much more can be found at a web page created just to solve this dilemma. Please visit [www.lvc.edu/science-timeline](http://www.lvc.edu/science-timeline) to read more about our extraordinary history and to see historical credits where applicable. Also, please help us add to this history by providing additional information and/or corrections while visiting this site.

1856

LVC's first curriculum includes the Scientific Course.

1870

**Albert Charles Rigler '70** a member of LVC's first graduating class, graduates with two others. He completed the Scientific Course.

1885

**President David D. DeLong** strengthens the Scientific Course by adding a fourth year to the three-year program.

Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Grant monies cover a variety of costs, including faculty support, student stipends and supplies, which can be especially costly in biochemistry and molecular biology. Summer research costs alone can add up to \$100,000.

"Grants are very competitive," said **Dr. Walter Patton**, assistant professor of chemistry. "More and more small schools like LVC are doing research now, so there is a lot more competition for the money." Patton explained that originality is key when it comes to receiving funds. "We must make sure the project is scientifically worthwhile and that we are not

just repeating what has been done by other institutions," he said. "We have to show that we are discovering new things and contributing to the literature out there."

**Dr. Scott Walck**, assistant professor of physics, and students **Jonathan Roth '05** and **Shawn Hilbert '04** are studying quantum entanglement, a field that did not even exist prior to the 1990s. "The problems and mysteries of quantum mechanics were the principal motivations behind my choice to study physics," said Walck. "Quantum

mechanics borrows from and bleeds into the neighboring disciplines of mathematics, philosophy and chemistry. There is no question that this is a difficult field in which to work, especially for students. But the mysteries are compelling. I would have liked to work on something like this as a student."

Though Moe's grant from the NIH officially ended on June 30, 2003, he is continuing to work under a \$40,000 NSF grant he received in 2001 for a MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer. He and students are developing new undergraduate laboratory experiments for the MALDI, which determines easily and quickly the exact masses of single, isolated biomolecules such as proteins, nucleic acids and complex carbohydrates. Patton received a

\$40,000 grant from Research Corporation (2003–2005) to work on communication between the two primary structural domains of the enzyme, GMP synthetase. In addition, **Dr. Carl Wigal**, chair and professor of chemistry, received a grant from the AAAS and the Merck Foundation to support teams of faculty and students in biology and chemistry. This is a follow-up to the Whitaker Foundation grant from last summer. The 2002 Whitaker award offered students and faculty from two different disciplines — psychology and biology — the opportunity to work together on research involving spatial learning in rats. **Dr. Deanna Dodson**, chair and associate professor of psychology, and **Dr. Dale Erskine**, professor of biology, looked at sex differences in spatial learning, while **Dr. Kerry Laguna**,



*The former science building was dedicated in 1957 to the memories of **Dr. Andrew Bender '06** (left), former chair and professor of chemistry, and **Dr. Samuel Derickson '02**, former chair and professor of biology.*

*Above: **Abby Shumaker '04** prepares a formula for testing.*



President **Hervin U. Roop** recognizes the curriculum similar to one developed recently at Johns Hopkins. LVC's five new faculty appointments included Chemical/Biological

DR. CARL WIGAL

# Peer RECOGNITION

BY MARY BETH HOWER



associate professor of psychology, and **Dr. Stacey Goodman**, assistant professor of biology, studied the effects of handling in spatial learning. Each team included three students — one each from psychology, biology and psychobiology. "The grant was designed expressly for undergraduate research," explained Dodson. "One of our great strengths is that students not only have access to faculty as advisers and teachers, but also as collaborators in meaningful research."

The research done here would not be possible without the appropriate technology. "We are better equipped than most small graduate programs," said Wigal. "Very few small colleges have an inventory like we do." While larger institutions may have a broader range of instrumentation, students often do not have access to the equipment until their junior or senior years. **Dr. Marc Harris**, assistant professor of chemistry, was faced with that situation as an undergraduate at the University of Arizona at Tucson, and understands the importance of immediate hands-on opportunities. "You see freshmen coming in, see the gleam in their eyes and know they want to participate," he



Both the American Chemical Society and the Lebanon Valley College community recently honored **Dr. Carl Wigal**, chair and professor of chemistry, for excellence in teaching.

Wigal received the 2003 E. Emmet Reid Award for excellence in teaching in the Middle Atlantic Region of the American Chemical Society. He was chosen from among science professors at small colleges in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C., and accepted the honor during a Chemical Society meeting at Princeton University. Wigal was also the recipient of LVC's 2003 Vickroy Award for Excellence in Teaching, an honor presented to a full-time faculty member each year at Commencement.

"Wigal's work is a model of excellent undergraduate teaching in the natural sciences," said **Dr. Stephen MacDonald**, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. "He is an effective classroom lecturer, an active scholar in his own right, and his research almost invariably involves the work of undergraduate majors. He is a model for what we like to see in the natural sciences and across the College."

Since joining LVC in 1993, Wigal's work in the sciences has garnered over \$300,000 in grants. He is the author of 26 articles, many co-authored by undergraduate students, and is published in professional journals such as *Biochemistry*, *Electroanalysis*, and both *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* and *Journal of Chemical Education*. He has also developed several modular experiments published by Chemical Education Resources. Prior to joining LVC, he was on the faculty at Idaho State University, where he was named the ISU

College of Arts and Science Most Influential Professor.

Wigal's research and teaching have had a profound impact on his students, who have won graduate fellowships to doctoral programs at Princeton, Northwestern, Michigan, Penn State, Indiana, Southern Cal, Wisconsin, Pittsburgh, the University of Pennsylvania and SUNY Buffalo. One of his students, **Dr. Aaron Aponick '98**, was recently awarded a prestigious National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University. Aponick is currently a Kriak Fellow at the University of Michigan, and was also awarded an American Chemical Society Division of Organic Chemistry Fellowship sponsored by the Schering-Plough Research Institute.

"Attending Dr. Wigal's classes and doing research in his laboratories influenced my career choices more than any other factor I can identify," said Aponick. "In class he was always organized, amazingly knowledgeable and above all intellectually stimulating. His grasp of, and enthusiasm for, the subject matter inspired me tremendously both as a student and as a researcher. At LVC, with the right mix of encouragement and supervision, he helped shape me into a scientist and prepared me for a successful career."

**Editor's Note:** Wigal received a third distinguished award shortly after this article was written. He was one of eight professors honored by the Department of Chemistry at Indiana University at the Symposium for Excellence in Undergraduate Chemical Research. Wigal was recognized for his research contributions as well as for his important work as a mentor who encourages students to pursue careers in science.



1899

First course in biology is offered.

1911

**Dr. S.O. Grimm '12** begins working at the College as an assistant in biology during his senior year — he would continue for 55 years serving in such roles as principal of the Academy, full professor in physics and much more.

1914

**Dr. Carl F. Schmidt '14** graduates and later joins the U.S. Naval Development Center where he works closely with U.S. astronauts John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, Virgil Gossion and Alan Shepard among others.

1921

**Dr. Andrew Bender** joins the faculty.



said. "Students can walk into research labs here and get productive work done right away."

In addition to learning how to use a variety of instrumentation, research programs on campus also provide students with valuable insight into the nature of research in general. "We can talk about doing research, but the hands-on exposure is so much more valuable," said Dodson. "You see how things can go wrong and how you recover from that. You see that science is a process of steps and that sometimes you need to step back and re-evaluate the hypothesis."

It is important to both students and faculty that the results of their research extend beyond the laboratory walls. Wigal's students, for instance, have had the distinction of being published in *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* and



tific community. In physics, a number of students have had the distinction of performing research in competitive summer programs at institutions such as Lehigh University and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

In addition to the exposure for students, publishing, presenting research and keeping abreast of what is new in the scientific community is vital for faculty members.

"Science moves so rapidly today," said Moe. "If all a professor does is teach, within 10 years that professor is out of date. Instead of just learning from a textbook and reading about what others have done, you need to be engaged in your work and become aware of the latest techniques and how to use them. Your own research can become your best teaching tool."

With every available inch of laboratory space in the Garber Science Center now being utilized to the fullest, science faculty look forward to plans for a revitalization and the positive improvements that facility will bring. "Every faculty member will have dedicated research space, allowing their students to do research throughout the year. That is the biggest advantage of the new building," said Wigal.

"Improving the atmosphere is always a plus — putting people in the right frame of mind to work, to learn," added **Dr. Barry Hurst**, associate professor of physics and director of the physics track



*Biochemistry* — two top peer-reviewed journals that have featured the work of scientists from Harvard and MIT. Patton's students have presented abstracts and posters at the American Chemical Society meetings. Students performing research with **Dr. Kathleen Kolbet**, assistant professor of chemistry, presented material last year at the American Physical Society Meeting in Texas, where they gave 10-minute talks to an audience of graduate students, industrial Ph.D.s, faculty and other members of the scien-

## MARY OLANICH '05

*has performed summer research the past two years with several LVC professors. Her current research interests include the introduction of genetic mutations into DNA sequences.*

**Dr. William N. Martin '18** returns from a mission in Africa with a gift, "Lenny the Leopard!"

That same year, LVC had been officially accredited. The school hires **Dr. Elmer Rhodes Hoke**, its first psychology professor.

**Dr. V. Earl Light** joins the faculty.

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**Mary McCurdy Graham '30** graduates. She would later endow the LVC Graham Scholarships in biology.

"Scientific and Descriptive Principles in a Botanical Laboratory" (subtitled, "A Detailed Study of the Plantings for the Grounds of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania," appears in *American Landscape Architect*.



*Above: Dr. Barry Hurst, associate professor of physics and director of the physics track for engineering, and Laura DeHart '01 discuss an image viewed with the program's atomic force microscope.*

*Right: Jessica Abbott '06 performed biology research in the Garber Science Center during the summer of 2003.*



1931

**Dr. L.G. Bailey** is hired as associate professor of education and psychology. Famous for his hypnotist abilities, Bailey oversees psychology becoming a major (1940) and the formation of the Psychology Club (1945) during his 17 years.

1939

**Dr. John H. Moyer '39** graduates. He later receives a Presidential Citation from U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson (1964).

1941

**Solomon Caulker '41** graduates. He later becomes vice principal of Lebanon College in Sierra Leone.

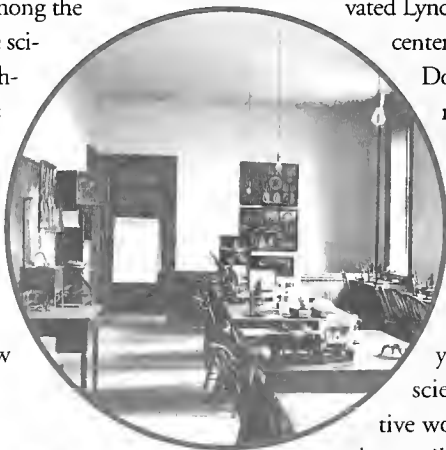
1944

**Marian Kreider '44** is named *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. She is a premed major and vice president of the Biology Club.

for engineering. Although the Physics Department is small compared to other Garber departments, the growing popularity of the Physical Therapy and Music Recording Technology programs on campus have increased attendance in the introductory physics classes by 50 percent. After the Garber Revitalization, the Physics Department will not only gain some additional classroom space, but also a computational lab that will act as a combination classroom/lab for students to work on computer-related projects or use

computer-related tools to do their work.

The redesigned building will also foster easier interactions among the science faculty. A life sciences suite with teaching and research labs will link Patton with **Dr. Stephen Williams** and **Dr. Sidney Pollack**, professors of biology. They will work closely to initiate new



research. Also, while the Psychology Department will find a home in the renovated Lynch building, the new science center will contain an office for Dodson and an animal research lab so that she can continue her collaboration in psychobiology with Goodman.

Though the transition to a new science facility may be a few years away, research in the sciences and the collaborative work between faculty and students will remain strong.

"Students learn by doing science," said **Dr. Allan Wolfe**, chair and professor of biology. "It is not a straight path from hypothesis to conclusion, but they learn to take information that looks ambiguous and make sense out of it. It is a process where students are supported all the way. We struggle together and negotiate the path to a conclusion together."

**Mary Beth Hower is a freelance writer from Annville. She is the former director of media relations at Lebanon Valley College.**



## GABRIEL JOHNSON '05

*is researching the blood cells of brine shrimp (Artemia franciscana) to determine the chemical makeup of the inside granules.*



## MARIKO FURAKAWA '06,

*from Japan, is attending LVC with the help of the J. Anne Sakaguchi Memorial Scholarship.*

*Right: Dr. Walter Patton, assistant professor of chemistry, is part of an interdepartmental summer research program that focuses on the communication between the two primary structural domains of the enzyme, GMP synthetase. Here, he works with (l. to r.): Abby Shumaker '04 (biochemistry and molecular biology), Jessica Abbott '06 (biology) and Christine Lightcap '04 (biochemistry and molecular biology).*



President **Clyde A. Lynch** breaks ground for a new building, the Washington House, that would later house three laboratories for biology and chemistry.

Chemistry's summer research program begins. **Dr. H. Anthony Neidig '43**, professor of chemistry, receives the first three-year chemical research grant from Research Corporation.

LVC students, with their professor, are published in a professional journal. **Dr. H. Anthony Neidig '43**, professor of chemistry, publishes an article that appears in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. **Dr. Dennis L. Funck '49**, **Dr. Robert W. Uhrich '43**, **Robert E. Baker '49**, and **J. Wesley R. Kreiser '49** are coauthors.



1954

**Dr. Jean D. Love** joins the LVC staff as assistant professor of psychology and acting chair of the department. She would teach until 1985.

1955

The Science Building is dedicated in memory of **Dr. Andrew Bender '06** and **Dr. Samuel Derickson '02**.

# Higher Math

Looking Beyond Tuition  
at College Affordability



BY STEPHEN TRAPNELL '90

**T**he message is everywhere, a refrain repeated so often it has become accepted as indisputable truth: college costs are spiraling out of control, increasing faster than inflation every year.

Like many popular conceptions, this belief has some basis in truth, but the full

story is more complex. It is indisputable, however, that many families experience the issue of college affordability.

"For Lebanon Valley's families, finances have always been a concern," said **William J. Brown Jr. '79**, dean of admission and financial aid.

"It is true that the cost of college, both here and nationally, has risen at a rate faster

than the Consumer Price Index (CPI)," said **Deborah R. Fullam '81**, LVC's vice president and controller. "The expectations of prospective students and their families have increased as have the costs of items historically provided by colleges."

For example, to remain competitive today, colleges must offer technology services that simply didn't exist a few

years ago, such as high-speed Internet access. Other high-cost items are scientific equipment, computer equipment and library materials, including books, periodicals and access to online data services.

Indeed, families today expect colleges to offer student centers with à la carte menus and coffee bars, NCAA Division I-type athletic fields and stadiums at a small college, and residence halls that include private suites with all the comforts of home, including high-speed Internet access.

Education-related costs have pushed LVC's tuition from \$5,870 in 1984-85 to \$20,600 in 2002-03, an increase of 251 percent during a period when the CPI increased approximately 67 percent.

However, "at Lebanon Valley, very few people pay that sticker price," Brown noted.

When considering college costs, it is important to differentiate between stated tuition rates — a school's official price tag — and average "net tuition," which is what a typical student actually pays after institutional financial aid grants are applied.

The average "discount" a LVC student received on the stated tuition rate due to the College's financial aid packages was 15 percent in 1984-85. This cut "net tuition" to \$4,989. Over the years, the College's financial aid grants grew, so that by 2002-03, the discount rate had

increased to 41 percent. Consequently, net tuition had only risen to \$12,097.

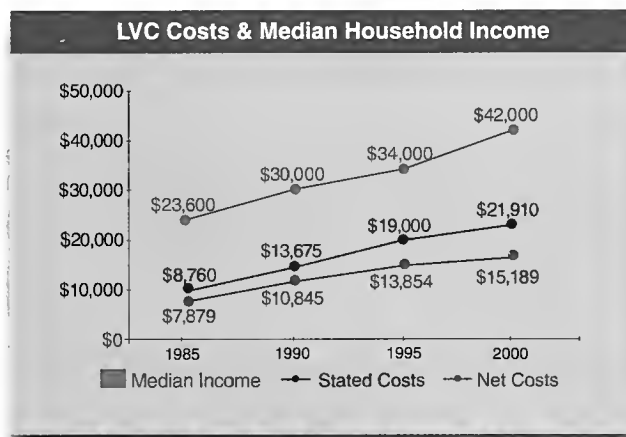
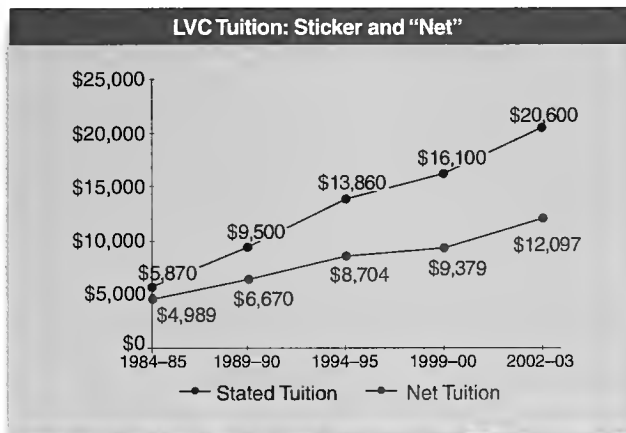
According to figures released by the

college net tuition increased 17.3 percent, while the CPI grew 18.7 percent.

Looking at affordability from another perspective, LVC's stated tuition, room and board in 1985-86 was \$8,760, or approximately 37 percent of the U.S. median household income at that time. By 2000, the school's total stated costs were \$21,910, equivalent to 52 percent of the median household income that year.

Average total net costs, however, remained at a more consistent percentage of a typical family's income. Net tuition — taking into account the discount resulting from financial aid — plus room and board was \$7,879 in 1985, about 33 percent of the median household income. In 2000, average total net costs were \$15,189, approximately 36 percent of the median household income. Viewed this way, the Valley's increase in financial aid has helped to keep the school's affordability relatively stable. This in turn has allowed LVC to be regularly recognized as a "Best Value" school by *U.S. News & World Report*.

NAICU estimates that nationwide, approximately 76 percent of full-time undergraduates receive grants to help pay their costs. At Lebanon Valley, the percentage of students with financial



National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), tuition increases leveled off and institutional grant aid increased during the 1990s, so that average net tuition at some schools across the country actually increased at a lower rate than inflation. In March, the organization reported that from 1992-93 to 1999-2000, private

... THE VALLEY'S INCREASE IN FINANCIAL AID HAS HELPED TO KEEP THE SCHOOL'S AFFORDABILITY RELATIVELY STABLE.



*The entire LVC admission and financial aid process is guided by four Valley graduates (l. to r.): Susan Sarisky '92, director of admission; Deborah R. Fullam '81, vice president and controller; Jennifer Liedtka '92, M'00, director of financial aid; and William J. Brown Jr. '79, dean of admission and financial aid.*



assistance packages is far higher, with approximately 92 percent of full-time students receiving financial aid from the College. Add in aid and loans offered through government and other sources, and the population of students receiving some form of financial assistance increases to approximately 97 percent.

"It's very much a necessity for many of our students," said **Jennifer Liedtka '92, M'00**, director of financial aid. "We are here to serve our families. It is our job to help them figure out how to pay to come to LVC."

One of the primary ways Lebanon Valley has helped students attend the College in the last decade is through the Presidential Scholarship Program, which offers financial grants based on high school class rank.

LVC students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school classes receive a Vickroy Scholarship that pays for half of tuition costs. Those in the top 20 or 30 percent of their class ranks receive scholarships of one-third or one-quarter of tuition costs, respectively.

The scholarship program is renewable for four years if students maintain a certain grade-point average. And, if they meet spe-



**Jen Bednar '04** receives a Vickroy Scholarship, PHEAA State and Federal Pell Grants, a Federal Stafford Loan and a Federal PLUS Loan as she works her way through LVC.

cific conditions, the College guarantees that full-time students can complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree in four years, or the College will provide free tuition for additional courses.

The Presidential Scholarship Program has fueled interest in the Valley, helping to increase enrollment to over 1,500 students. It also has brought Lebanon Valley national attention. For example, the scholarship program was profiled on *ABC World News Tonight* in April 2003 with Peter Jennings complimenting LVC on its innovative approach.

While some observers initially questioned whether the College would ultimately be able to support the scholarship program as the student population grew, Brown said it is working.

"It has stood the test of time economically, financially and for several generations of students," he said. "It's still a good idea."

The Vickroy and related scholarships are a big factor in reducing LVC's stated tuition from \$20,600 to the average net tuition a typical student would be responsible for, \$12,097.

"Every year I look at LVC's number and I compare it to the state-related universities," said Fullam. "If a student is going to commit the resources to go to college, especially if they receive a Presidential Scholarship, financially, a

LVC education can be as affordable as an education at a state-related school."

Although large public universities may still have slightly lower costs, smaller private schools such as LVC generally offer more direct contact between faculty and students. Fullam points out that the personalized attention students receive at the Valley through a 14:1 full-time equivalent class size can help them graduate within four years. At schools where



**Danelle McCusker '04** receives support from a LVC Achievement Award, a LVC Grant, PHEAA State and Federal Pell Grants, a Federal Stafford Loan and through the UPS Earn and Learn Education Assistance Program.

students may get less guidance in choosing a major and scheduling, she said, they sometimes need longer to complete their education, thus increasing the cost.

Brown, however, has his own compelling perspective on the affordability of higher education.

"It's a good investment. If you're going to invest in anything, invest in yourself or invest in your kids," Brown said. "There's no better place to put your money."

**Stephen Trapnell '90** is a corporate communications specialist for **D&E Communications, Inc.**, Ephrata; a freelance writer; and college journalism instructor.

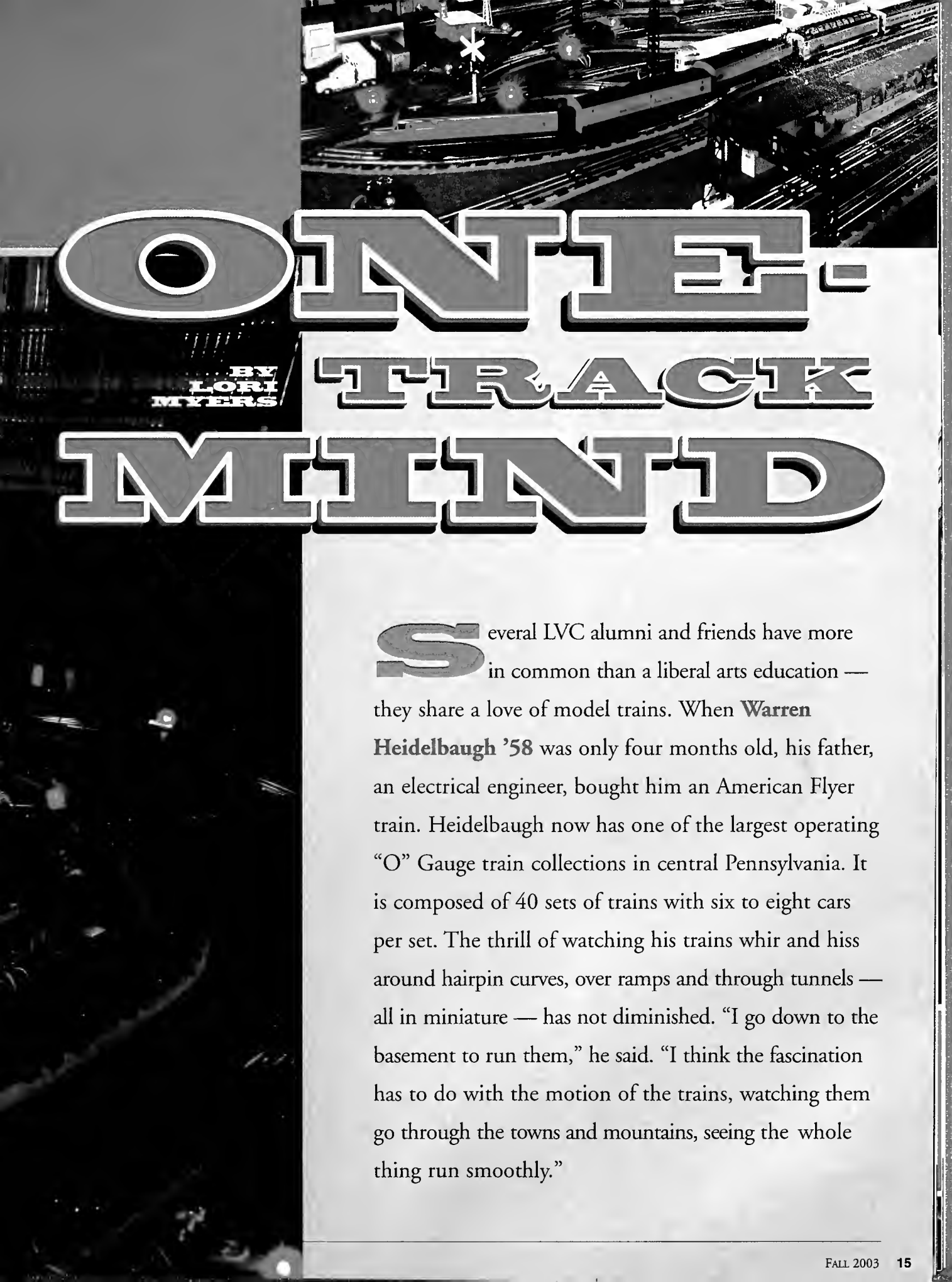


**Eric Stichler '03** funded his LVC education by receiving a Vickroy Scholarship, the Gerald S. Wingenroth Scholarship and a PHEAA State Grant, serving as a resident assistant, and borrowing through the Federal Stafford Loan program.



**NOT NECESSARILY  
CHILD'S PLAY."**





# O.N.T.E.- TRACK MINT

BY  
LORI  
MYERS

**S**everal LVC alumni and friends have more in common than a liberal arts education — they share a love of model trains. When **Warren Heidelbaugh '58** was only four months old, his father, an electrical engineer, bought him an American Flyer train. Heidelbaugh now has one of the largest operating “O” Gauge train collections in central Pennsylvania. It is composed of 40 sets of trains with six to eight cars per set. The thrill of watching his trains whir and hiss around hairpin curves, over ramps and through tunnels — all in miniature — has not diminished. “I go down to the basement to run them,” he said. “I think the fascination has to do with the motion of the trains, watching them go through the towns and mountains, seeing the whole thing run smoothly.”

But these petite versions of the big engineering marvel also have the power to conjure up memories.

That is exactly what model trains do for Bruce Rismiller '59. "From when I was five or six years old to 17 or 18, my dad collected trains with my two brothers and me," he recalled. "Lionel used to have a catalogue and my dad would sit down with us. We each asked for an addition to the set and sometimes we would argue about what we wanted to order. My dad talked about how it worked, and we hooked up the wires. We were getting a good education. We would set it up at Thanksgiving and the platform came down New Year's Day."

That beloved childhood train now whistles inside the Reading home of Rismiller's brother, but Rismiller himself has not forgotten the joy of train ownership. About 20 years ago, he stopped in a toy shop, noticed model trains manufactured by the German company Lehman, Gross Bahn, and yearned to share his childhood interest with his recently born grandson. As his grandson grew, so did the train collection. Over the years, Rismiller has accumulated 24 engines and 100 box-cars — one with a price tag of over \$2,000. Last year, Rismiller retired to Florida and gave the collection to his son. "The trains reminded me of my relationship with my dad, and I think that's why I did it with my grandson," said Rismiller. "It's something that they will talk about and ask about."

Dr. Robert E. Hamilton, LVC's vice president for administration, has collected approximately 40 Lionel model steam engines but admits that his childhood memories of trains had more to do with fear than fascination. "I was somewhat afraid of trains as a young-

ster," he said. "It was the steam, the whistles and the noise."

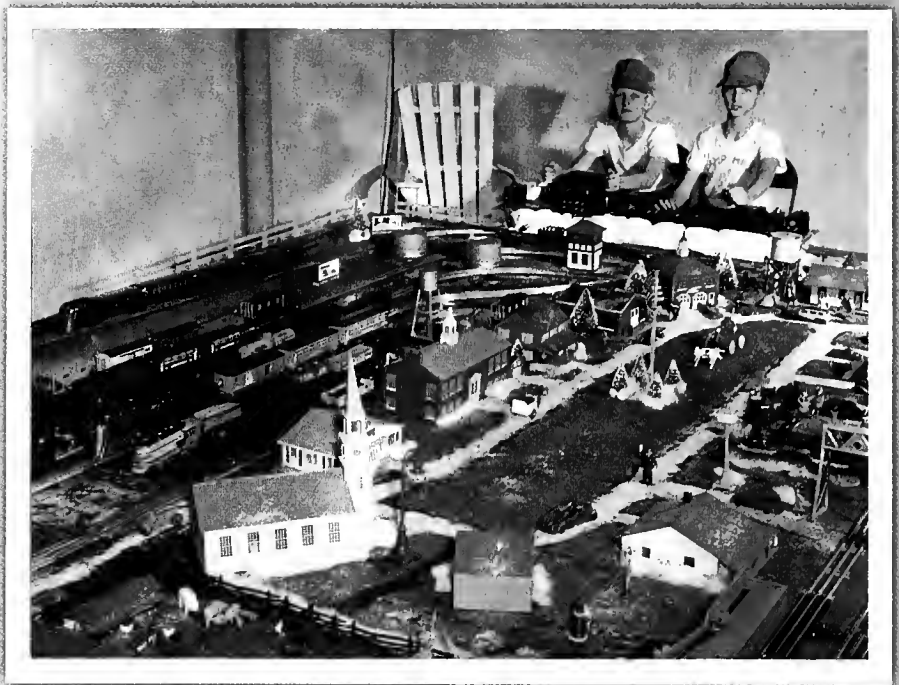
In fourth grade, Hamilton overcame his apprehension and received his first steam engine and train set. When he and his wife were expecting their first child, Hamilton bought a set at a train shop so he could share the hobby with his soon-to-be-born son. "The boy turned out to be a girl," Hamilton remarked. "My wife accused me of using the baby as an excuse to get involved in trains."

Hamilton's involvement has lasted for 30 years. "I just love the detail," he said.

"The ones that represent the true prototypes add to the interest and the cost. Now they have added digital sound systems that make the models sound like the original trains."

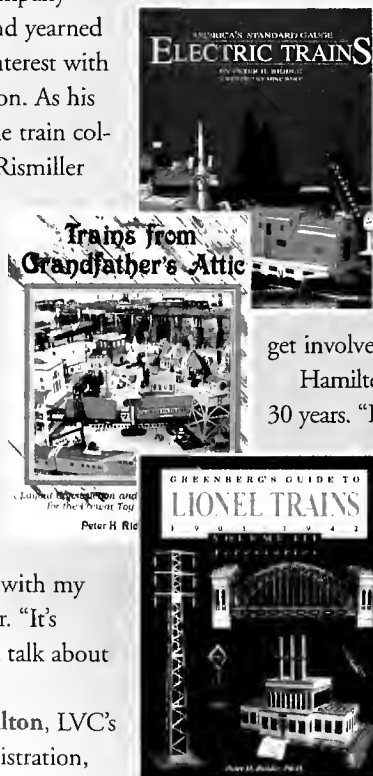
No one has had to know more about model train detail than Dr. Peter Riddle '61, now a

music professor at Acadia University in Nova Scotia. With his wife Gay Bull Riddle '63 assisting as editor, Dr. Riddle has written 11 books about model trains



Warren Heidelbergbaugh '58 has been collecting trains for over a half century. He is pictured above (left) with his brother, Emlen, in a 1951 family photograph.

Below left: Dr. Peter Riddle '61 has written 11 books about model trains. Three of his book jackets are pictured here.



and owns more than 125 locomotives. "The hobby is not necessarily child's play," he noted. "From 1901 to 1969, the trains were aimed at children, mainly boys 8 to 14. At one point Lionel went out of business, but now they are stronger than ever. Adults are now the biggest collectors. I know many people in their fifties and sixties and even older who have just started collecting model trains."

Riddle recalled going down to the train yard as a young boy growing up in Oceanport, N.J., and hanging onto the ties under the railroad bridge while the trains passed overhead. "I was always fascinated with mechanical things," he said. "It was an exciting experience."

**Lori Myers is a Harrisburg-based freelance writer who has had articles published in national and regional magazines, newspapers and on the Internet. She is a regular contributor to WITF's Central PA Magazine.**



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Gary Schneider, *Genetic Self Portrait: Hands (right)*, 1997, toned gelatin silver print, 36 x 29 in., courtesy of the artist

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# Lebanon Valley College



# GREENS *of* WINTER




BY DR. SUSAN VERHOEK

**W**e call them evergreens, the pines, the junipers, hemlocks and spruce of campus. The needle-like leaves stay on the trees for several years and do not drop seasonally in the way deciduous trees shed leaves in the fall. Because of these "evergreen" needles, the winters at LVC are still verdant. On the LVC campus, the junipers are mostly low bushes used to soften the juncture of buildings and ground, especially at Vickroy Residence Hall and the

Humanities Center. Junipers are a designer plant. New forms and colors keep appearing because the shrubs occasionally produce mutant branches.

After these branches have been cloned and rooted, a whole new line of fancier shrubs is begun. Junipers are also a landscape designer's workhorse. So varied are they that design professionals might decide upon the ideal size, shape and texture for a shrub and then find a juniper to fill the job. The bluish "juniper berries" that flavor gin and sauerbraten are actually fleshy cones. Also called "red cedar," the wood of taller trees makes pencils and cedar closet liners.

Pines are not prevalent at LVC, but there is a magnificent white pine between

Blair Music Center and the Humanities Center. It has soft, flexible needles and long cones frosted with pitch. In front of Mary Green Residence Hall is another tall pine. This species produces short, rounded cones. These needles are more robust and tend to break rather than bend if folded. A pine seed in the cone takes about 18 months to develop. Then the scales open up, the seed is wafted out, and the cone falls off easily.

To see LVC's blue spruce, one must look along the railroad tracks. These spruces are some of the trees that used to live alternating with the maples in the Academic Quad. Some of them survived the move to the "back" of the campus and put on a brave bluish-green show through the winter.

The tall, dark evergreen in the Academic Quad near Miller Chapel is a Norway spruce. There are several more near Bishop Library and the Carnegie Building. Norway spruce have the upright, single main stem of all tree evergreens, but the smallest branchlets droop from their supporting branches. In Norway and other countries where there is lots of snow, this is a way the tree can let the heavy weight of winter precipitation slide right off to the ground.

The hemlocks on campus have lately been under an onslaught of the woolly adelgid insect, but many are holding their own. The grove between Blair and Humanities is the oldest group, and there is a row of newer ones along the Garber Science Center parking lot. These short-needled trees are a very attractive part of the campus scene after a snowfall. As they should be — after all, the hemlock is the Pennsylvania state tree.



**Dr. Susan Verhoek, professor of biology, and Kelly Alsedek, associate director of college relations, recently created a self-guided walking tour of the College's Arboretum. Please call 717-867-6175 if you would like to receive a copy of the brochure.**

# THE GREAT EXPECTATIONS LYNCH INITIATIVE



With the completion of the new gym on the North Campus, a tremendous volume of space has been opened for academic purposes in the heart of Lynch Memorial Hall. Through the Lynch Initiative, the space once occupied by the gym will be transformed into new general-purpose "smart" (technology-enabled) classrooms, a 90-seat lecture hall, faculty offices and seminar rooms for the Departments of Mathematical Sciences and Psychology, observation laboratories for psychology courses, and new facilities for the Business and Economics Department, the Education Department and the innovative Digital Communications Program. Lynch will become a centerpiece for teaching and learning with easy access to other academic buildings.

In the center of Lynch will be the 3,250-square-foot Commons, an open gathering area surrounded by the new classrooms, lecture hall and faculty offices. With nearly 30-foot ceilings, the space will be awash with light pouring in from new rooftop skylights. Lynch Memorial Hall will become a unique space where boundaries between the academic and social lives of the students and faculty become more transparent.

For more information on the Great Expectations campaign and the Lynch Initiative, click on [www.lvc.edu/campaign](http://www.lvc.edu/campaign).

*Pictured above is an architectural rendering of the Commons from the second floor. (For reference, the Garber Science Center is to your back, and you would be facing the Miller Chapel.)*



GREAT EXPECTATIONS

GREAT EXPECTATIONS as of September 30, 2003

	Gifts to Date	Campaign Goal
Capital Construction	\$16,214,322	\$25,325,000
Endowment	\$13,292,026	\$12,675,000
Current Operations	\$ 8,665,436	\$12,000,000
*Total Campaign Contributions	\$39,600,654	\$50,000,000

\* including gifts to all purposes

# Music, PSYCHOLOGY AND GROUND ZERO

BY ANN HESS MYERS

**M**atriculating at Eastman School of Music, Oberlin College or Lebanon Valley College would have all prepared **Dr. Nancy M. Fenstermacher '61** for a career in music. For her, the choice was clear. She would attend LVC because of its excellent reputation and quality liberal arts program. An aspiring pianist, Fenstermacher believed that LVC's mission was best suited to her philosophy of life. Little did she know that through music she would be introduced to a new way of thinking, and her outlook on life would change.

After arriving at the Valley, Fenstermacher met **Dr. William Fairbank**, professor emeritus of music, who believed that making great music went beyond beautiful sounds. Music was about the interaction between the musician, the orchestra and the audience. One does not dominate the other. Sometimes they dance, sometimes they argue and sometimes they cry together.

Fenstermacher then wanted to know more about the people. How did the musicians interact with the orchestra? Where did the audience fit into the picture? Auditing classes taught by **Dr. Jean Love**, professor emerita of psychology, helped Fenstermacher answer these questions. She joined the Psychology Club and was a member of the Honor Society. She had come full circle.

Fenstermacher went on to earn her doctorate in psychology from the University of Rochester Medical School. She has been a psychological consultant to Eastman Kodak and Eastman

School of Music. Fenstermacher is a licensed psychologist with PinnacleHealth Systems in Harrisburg. Following the September 11 attacks, she went to Ground Zero and worked around the clock listening to stories of shattered dreams and hopes. She helped people piece their lives back together, always remembering what she learned at the Valley, understanding the relationship between the soloist, the orchestra and the audience.

To Fenstermacher, the people of New York were the musicians, the city was the orchestra and the nation was the audience that cried along with them. The people of New York drew strength from patriotism. Everywhere they looked, American flags flew high and proud. Fenstermacher knew that slowly, over time, the musicians would again join together as an orchestra for the world to praise. The crying would fade into the background and the dancing would take center stage.

**Ann Hess Myers** has been LVC's director of alumni programs since 1998. She has been a visiting instructor in sociology at Dickinson College.



*Nancy M. Fenstermacher '61*

**NOTE:** All locations are in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.

## '20s

By strange coincidence, two of the four surviving graduates of the LVC class of 1927 now live in adjacent rooms at Bethany Village Retirement Center in Mechanicsburg. **Walter Ness** and **Blanche Stager Fox** became neighbors in November 2002 without any prior knowledge of the other's residency.

Walter Lee Ness, 99, was a chemistry major and editor of the campus newspaper, *La Vie Collegienne*, and the 1927 class yearbook, *Quintapahilla 1928* (LVC yearbooks were then published the year that followed class graduation). He married classmate **Florence Dundore '27** and they had one son.

Blanche Rebecca Stager Fox, 97, was a Latin major involved in many extracurricular activities. In high school, she skipped a grade and was valedictorian of her class at Lebanon High School. After college, she married classmate and football-team captain **Harold "Zorky" Fox '27**, who was inducted into the LVC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981. They had two daughters who also graduated from LVC, **Joanne Fox Shover '52** and **Carole Fox Weaver '56**.

Walter and Blanche are in good health and recall fond memories of their days at LVC.

## '30s

A volunteer aboard the Battleship New Jersey located in Camden, N.J., **Robert U. Cassel '36** has been working toward restoring the ship. Along with other volunteers, he has been painting the turrets of the 16-inch guns, hauling hawsers, cleaning compartments and registering books in the curator's office.

**Louise Gillan Harris '36** is still active at the Rutherford House Senior Center in Harrisburg. She also takes aerobics and is an elementary school teacher's aide in the Susquehanna School District.

"No snow to shovel or grass to mow," is how **Lena Risser Mitchell '38** describes living in the retirement community in Florida where she and her husband, Bill, now reside.

## '40s

On September 22, 2003, **Sarah Koury Zimmerman '45** was honored by the congregation of the Waynesboro Presbyterian Church for her 50 years of service as the church organist.





Walter Ness '27 and Blanche Stager Fox '27

## '50s

**Ruth Anne Brown Zimmerman '51** celebrated her 10th year as a medical technologist with the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Colorado. In addition to working full time, last summer Ruth Anne logged 100 hours as a volunteer florist at the medical center.

For over 45 years, **Joseph T. Oxley '52** has been operating the Monmouth Day Camp in Middletown, N.J.

**Lenwood B. Wert, D.O., '55** was elected to a seventh term as vice speaker of the House of Delegates at the 95th Annual Clinical Assembly of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association held in Philadelphia this past spring.

**George G. Cunningham '58** is superintendent of schools for the Main School Administration District #72 in Fryeburg.

In January 2003, the central Pennsylvania publication *Senior News* profiled the life of **Robert M. Hipp '58**. He spent 23 years in the U.S. Naval Reserves, becoming an atomic, biological and chemical warfare specialist and retiring with the rank of Commander. In civilian life, Bob had a 16-year career in the retail business and currently owns his own general insurance agency in Lebanon.

**Donna Williamson Shafer '58** took a celebratory trip to the British Isles over the summer to commemorate her retirement after 37 years of teaching. For 21 years, Donna was a music and sixth-grade teacher at Wright Elementary School, and for 14

years, she was a sixth- and seventh-grade math teacher at Pryor Middle School, both in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

**James F. Wolfe '58** is president of Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, a newly established, not-for-profit postgraduate institution located in Blacksburg, Va. VCOM is affiliated with, but not a part of, Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University.

## '60s

**The Rev. Donald E. Zechman '60** enjoys camping, photography and spending time with his grandchildren since his retirement as a United Methodist minister.

On April 12, 2003, **Emily Bowman Brown '62** was honored by the Plainfield (N.J.) Symphony Orchestra for over 40 years of service. Emily was principal of the viola section for 11 years, wrote program notes and served several terms on the board of directors, acting as secretary of the board for three years.

**Judith Newton Brown '63** provided hymn and anthem suggestions for 15 scripture lessons for *Celebrating Justice and Liberation: A Resource for Worship*, edited by Linda McKiernan-Allen.

**James W. Davis '63** and his wife, **Sallie Slocum Davis '65**, are "happy to be out of the rat race." They have retired and moved to Avalon, N.J.

**Judith Smith Ermigiotti '63** is an academic adviser at Temple University.

**Shirley Brown Michel '63** was hired as the first music teacher for the new Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic School. Serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade, this North Wales school opened its doors in September 2003.

In June 2003, **The Rev. Ronald J. Beistline '64** retired.

After 35 years as a guidance counselor, **Barbara Macaw Atkinson '67** retired from Lower Dauphin High School in June 2002. She now works part time as a financial aid counselor at Harrisburg Area Community College.

An article by **Helaine Hopkins Golann '67** and her husband, Dwight, titled "Why is it hard for lawyers to deal with emotions?," appeared in the spring 2003 edition of the American Bar Association's *Journal of Dispute Resolution*. Helaine's clinical psychology practice includes, among other

## WILLIAM JONES '72

has written three mystery novels: *Murder By Memory*, *Silent Rescue* and *A Chamelion in the Plumbing*. The back jacket write-up from his latest work, *Murder By Memory*, reads, "When a serial killer strikes again after a hiatus of twenty-four years, Detective Herbert Chalmers is returned to the police force. Along with his beautiful new partner, Detective Elizabeth Farcey, Chalmers sets out to finally bring the elusive murderer to justice." For more information, you can contact Jones at [wmjones@ux1.cs.cmu.edu](mailto:wmjones@ux1.cs.cmu.edu).



## class news & notes

things, yoga teaching and therapy, and consultation with legal mediators.

**The Rev. Bradley E. Rentzel '67**, pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Hanover, and his wife, Cathy, became LVC parents when their youngest daughter, **Rebecca '07**, enrolled at LVC this fall.

**Michael D. Curley '68** is the director of The

Curley Team, a Connecticut-based company that provides research, studies and analyses. Michael previously served in the U.S. Navy and was a recipient of the Legion of Merit for his work in undersea biomedical research.

**Sue Ellen Kauffman '68** is a clinical research associate for pharmaceutical research in Florida.

Based out of Gautier, Miss., retired Air Force **Col. Jay A. Mengel '68**, better known as "Cap'n Jay," conducts tours of the Pascagoula River Marsh Coastal Preserve on his 23-foot cruise boat.

**Chaplain (Col.) Richard W. Bower '69** is serving with a combined joint task force in Baghdad, Iraq.

After 34 years, **William E. Campbell '69** retired as a supervisory mathematician with the U.S. Navy in Mechanicsburg.

*A Good-Bye Never Said* is the first creative nonfiction book written by **Dr. Jonna-Lynn Knauer Mandelbaum '69**. The book, published in January 2003 by Xlibris Corporation, is a fictionalized account of Jonna's experiences as a nurse in Africa during the Mozambique and Zimbabwe wars for independence.

## '70s

**P. Michael Reidy '70** was recently elected chair of the governing body of the Turnbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys, a leading secondary school in Kent, England. Michael is the marketing director for Bespoke Publications Ltd. in Banstead, Surrey.

Recently, **Paul S. Fisher '71** led the boys' tennis team of the Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, Va., to their 10th district title in 11 years. In addition, the team has advanced to the regional finals eight times, winning three regional titles.

The 106-acre family farm of **Sue E. Bowman '72** became the 6,000th acre preserved by Lebanon County's Agricultural Land Preservation Board. A special ceremony was held in August 2002 to commemorate the occasion, with numerous government dignitaries attending, including Pennsylvania's secretary of agriculture.

In May 2003, **Nancy Freeland Clark '72** received a master's degree in educational media from New Jersey's Kean University.

**The Rev. Gary R. Evans** is an associate pastor/chaplain at Living Hope Worship Center in Logan Township, N.J.

**Diane Seegert Oberdorff '73** is a parent educator at LEARN, Southeastern Connecticut's Regional Education Service Center, in Old Lyme. Her husband, **Vernon E. Oberdorff '73**, is manufacturing manager for Stanley Bostitch in Clinton, Conn.

**Ruth Nickerson Rittman '73** does costuming and appears in the local community theater of Ewing, N.J.

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BY LORI MYERS

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No one is more surprised than **Pam Shadel Fischer '81** that she has become a passionate national advocate for child safety. This former Lebanon Valley College English major now serves

as vice president, public affairs, for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Floram Park and is leading a national initiative — "Seated, Safe & Secure" — that focuses on improving child passenger safety.

"The law in New Jersey used to be that a child starting at 18 months old could ride in the back seat of a car restrained in only a seat belt," she explained. "It was one of the worst laws in the nation."

The national statistics are startling, Fischer contended. "Car crashes are the number-one killer of children under the age of 14," she said. "There is so much we can do."

Fischer took that to heart when she and her son **Zachary**, now 8, trekked to the state house in Trenton and urged lawmakers to take a more realistic view of child restraints. In a sort of show-and-tell, Fischer used Zachary as a "visual" to demonstrate why child safety seats, particularly booster seats, are so critical. As a result of her efforts, New Jersey's law was changed in December 2001, requiring children under the age of eight, who weigh less than 80 lbs., to be restrained in a car seat or booster seat. "We went from the basement to the penthouse in terms of protecting our kids," Fischer proclaimed proudly.

Earlier this year, the Public Relations Society of America awarded the Silver Anvil to the AAA initiative. The campaign focuses on educating the public about the proper use of child safety seats and restraints along with modifying legislation considered to be out of sync with what is happening on the roadways. But there's still a long way to go, said Fischer.

"I have to thank my professors at LVC," she remarked. "They taught me to write and think critically. It has served me well."



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## class news & notes

**Christine B. Brown '74** is a medical technologist-ASCP at Wilson Hospital, a division of United Health Services, in Johnson City, N.Y.

**Vicki L. Hackman, M.D., '74** is a physician with Health Help Inc. in Berea, Ky.

Fulfilling a lifelong dream, **Judy Haines Siler '74** has taken up foxhunting and now lives in southern Vermont.

**Mark E. Jurman '74** is a cell and molecular biologist for Momenta Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Cambridge, Mass.

**The Rev. D. Michael Bennethum '75** is the author of *Listen! God is Talking!* The book, published by Augsburg Fortress Publishing Co., is based on his doctoral dissertation. Michael is married to **Diane Schaefer Bennethum '76**, a sales administrator with Exide Technologies in Reading.

**Kevin J. Hartnett '75**, currently in his 26th year as a school psychologist, is employed by South Western School District in Hanover.

**CW3 James R. Sprecher '75** is stationed at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School in Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He is chief, signals intelligence concepts, architecture and requirements, working future concepts for the U.S. Army Objective Force. James has been in the active military for 23 years.

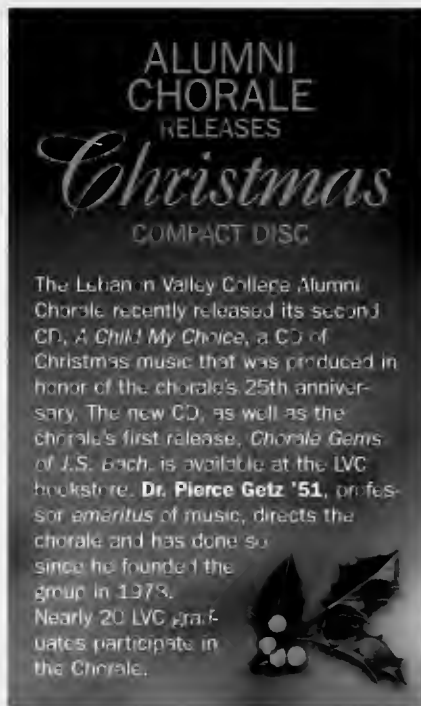
"Spirit of Liberty," the latest composition by **Rodney S. Miller '77**, has been accepted by Shawnee Press for publication in its 2003-04 band catalog. Rodney composed the piece for Council Rock's district-wide band after visiting the Newtown school district as part of its composer-in-residence program. Rodney, an instrumental music teacher in the Lebanon School District, is staff arranger for LVC's marching band and serves as co-musical director/arranger for the Timbers Dinner Theater in Mt. Gretna.

**Ronald R. Afflebach '78** is director of human resources for Pilot Therapeutics Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical company based in Charleston, S.C.

**John T. Ebert '78** has worked for AT&T for over 22 years in many different capacities, including offer, product, program, project manager; international ventures, business planning, strategy and financial analysis.

**Brenda Hawkins Geist '78** was promoted to account executive at the Business Service Division of the New Jersey Department of Labor, where she has worked for the past 23 years.

**Dennis L. Mark '78** is listed in the 2004 edition of the National Register's *Who's Who in Executives and Professionals*. Dennis is



chief of laboratory automation at the Air Force Institute of Environmental Occupation Health Risk Assessment at Brooks City-Base, Texas.

Former Brooklyn Botanical Gardens Head Rosarian **Stephen C. Scanniello '78** was a featured speaker at the June 2003 Rose Symposium held at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens in New York.

**Kathleen Lazo Talaat '78** is manager of the youth-business mentoring program for the Common Wealth Development Inc. of Madison, Wis.

**Pamela Frantz Emery '79** works in consumer relations for Hershey Food Corporation.

## '80s

**Gary E. Emery '80** is the in-house band and orchestra instrument repair technician at Marty's Music Store in Annville.

**Kevin T. Leddy '80** is an academic adviser with Penn State University's College of Communications in State College. Kevin still plays baseball and annually assists with LVC's alumni baseball game.

**Patricia A. McGregor '80** is a linguistic analyst for Eliza Corporation, a software company that creates and develops speech recognition software located in Beverly, Mass. She is the author of *But Now I See*, an as-yet-unpublished young adult novel. Patricia is a booking agent for the Boston funk band Sugar Daddy.

In her spare time, she is also a voice-over actress and narrates books on CDs for local and national radio advertisements.

**Leo C. Hearn Jr. '81** is president of Scientia Solutions, an environmental consulting firm that provides occupational safety and environmental management services to clients nationwide. He and his family live in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Brian E. McSweeney '81** is a senior computer scientist with the Defense Department. His wife, **Kimberly Haunton McSweeney '82**, teaches general music in Howard County, Md.

**Sharon Diederich Shoop '81** is a kindergarten through sixth-grade music teacher at Blennerhassett Elementary School in Parkersburg, W. Va. Sharon continues to play viola in the Blennerhassett String Trio and the River Cities Symphony, and she gives private piano lessons.

**Eva Greenawalt Bering '82** is director of operations for United Church of Christ Homes at their corporate office in Camp Hill.

**Dr. Hugh C. DeLong '82** is program manager at the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in Arlington, Va.

On April 23, 2003, **William N. Campbell '83** and his wife, **Theresa Martin Campbell '88**, announced the birth of their fourth daughter, Juliana Kathleen.

**Nancy Darnell Pantano '83** is a social worker in case management at Florida Hospital in Altamonte Springs.

**Jane Buscaglia Cheung '84** is a general music teacher for New Jersey's Howell Township Board of Education at Middle School South.

**Stacy M. Gundrum '84** is an intelligence research specialist for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

**Dr. Ann Buchman Orth '84** is research director for the Agricultural Products Group at FMC Corporation in Princeton, N.J. Ann is also the choir director/parish organist at St. Bede's Church.

**Dorothy "Hope" Garling Plank '84** is the central/south Florida district director of sales and marketing for Kindred Health Care in West Palm Beach, Fla.

In 2002, **Beverly Rhan Zimmerman '84** retired from Hershey Foods Corporation.

On March 18, 2003, **John H. Kiefel '85** and his wife, Jacqueline, welcomed a daughter, Jocelyn Marie, into their family.



# CAPITAL OPPORTUNITY

BY CASSANDRA HOADLEY '04

## "PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM"

— Not your typical week in Washington," read the brochure. Though this phrase was directed toward students in the program and not staff members, I discovered this summer that it was true for both.

A national organization dedicated to teaching the many facets of government, Presidential Classroom (PC) holds weekend programs in Washington, D.C., for extraordinary high school students from across the country and around the world. In addition to visiting the sites of the nation's capital, participants hear from members of Congress, Presidential staff, journalists and other Washington personalities. Chosen as one of 14 interns out of 250 applicants, I spent six weeks living at Georgetown University and interning with PC.

A 24/7 commitment, with most days 15–20 hours long, this internship was anything but typical. The daily obligations of a PC intern could include loading 450 students and 24 instructors on to 12 buses; organizing the group's transportation to and from the State Department, the House of Representatives, or other notable locations; and introducing seminar speakers such as Asa Hutchinson, Ralph Nader or Mo Rocca. Interns also answered phone calls from distraught parents, located and retrieved lost students, and hemmed pants while matching ties to dress shirts. Any combination of these responsibilities, and sometimes all of them, were just part of a "normal" day.

Though by far the most stressful and high-pressured experience I have ever endured, it was also one of the best of my life. The knowledge I gained and the situations I was exposed to gave me the invaluable opportunity to hone my quick-thinking and problem-solving skills.

Witnessing students from around the world interacting was an enormous benefit. Seeing delegates from Texas discussing politics with students from California or watching U.S. students compare cultures with the participants from Sri Lanka, I was continually amazed by the thoughtful exchanges. Though the personality of each week's assemblage changed, the students all possessed an overwhelming interest in opposing viewpoints and chose to celebrate and embrace their differences.

Growing up in a rural town in northeastern Pennsylvania where there isn't a traffic light, and then attending college in Annville, I had never been exposed to metropolitan life. Having the opportunity to live in D.C. was a worthwhile experience in itself. I discovered the magic of public transportation while mastering the Metro and hailing cabs. Knowing that I can survive in Washington, D.C., gives me a great sense of independence.

With May and graduation approaching, I wish I could say that I have a definitive plan for the immediate future, but I don't. However, the knowledge that I have gained in my three years at LVC helped me attain this internship, survive it and even thrive throughout it. Like most college students, I have heard countless times that workplace experience is invaluable, and after this summer, I agree completely. It is remarkable how classroom knowledge and critical thinking all come together with some authentic real-world experience.



*Cassandra Hoadley '04 was able to meet several noteworthy people, including former presidential candidate Ralph Nader (above), during her summer internship in D.C.*

**Cassandra Hoadley '04 is an English communications and American studies double major from Hop Bottom. She is the co-editor of *La Vie Collegienne* and a student assistant in the Office of College Relations.**

Keeping busy by volunteering now that she is retired, **Barbara Donnell Osenkarski '85** is an elected auditor of Valley Township in Montour County.

On January 9, 2003, **James W. Reilly '87** and his wife, Rachel, welcomed a second daughter, Catie Ann, into their family.

**Barry M. Koklefsky '88** is an actuary and vice president for Scottish Re (US) Inc. in Charlotte, N.C.

**Brian P. Luckenbill '88** and his wife, Nancy, announced the birth of a daughter, Courtney Sara, on December 27, 2002.

**Jeane Weidner Serrian '88** is a math teacher at Twin Valley High School in Elverson.

**Della Sitaras Terris '88** is a stay-at-home mom to daughters Callie and Alexi.

On November 16, 2002, **Richard W. Umla '88** and Aslynn D. Hinkle were married at Westminster United Methodist Church in Maryland. Richard is an elementary vocal music teacher for Howard County Public Schools.

The Dave Wilson Quarter recently released their debut CD on Dreamscape Records.

**David M. Wilson '88** plays tenor and soprano saxophone on *Through the Time*, a collection of eight jazz songs.

**Marie Shott McGee '89** is eastern United States sales manager for JP Morgan Fleming in New York City.

On December 30, 2002, **Kenneth W. Miller '89** and his wife, Bobbi Jo, welcomed a daughter, Clara Madeline, into their family. Ken is the assistant director of a short-term care facility in Athens, Ga.

On October 7, 2002, **Martha Bordic Papadakis '89** and her husband, Christopher, announced the birth of a daughter, Arianna Violet.

**Eric K. Rabenold '89** is president of Philly Counseling Services Inc. in Philadelphia and a psychologist for the New Jersey State Prison.

## '90s

On December 12, 2002, **Rachel Snyder Hills '90** and her husband, **Christopher Hills '91**, announced the birth of their second son, Joshua Robert. Rachel is on child-rearing leave from Baltimore County Public Schools, and Chris is a systems analyst for Williams Scotsman in Baltimore.

On May 17, 2003, **Michael A. McGranaghan '90** and Stephanie Reichner were married at Otterbein United Methodist Church in Sunbury. Mike is clin-



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ical coordinator for Universal Community Behavioral Health in Sunbury. He is also a film critic for Sunbury Broadcasting Corp.

**Holly Carey Moore '90** is a social worker with Keystone Central School District in Lock Haven.

**Jeffrey D. Osborne '90** is a teacher in the Central Columbia School District in Bloomsburg.

**Robert G. Sherman '90** is a product manager for Amrep Inc. in Marietta, Ga.

On November 11, 2002, **Michelle A. Sullivan '90** and Michael West were married at the Kahala Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Oahu, Hawaii. Michelle is a business risk consultant for GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia and is pursuing a master's degree in global management.

**Lisa Kerr Windbiel '90** is a German teacher in the Perkiomen Valley School District in Collegeville.

On February 26, 2003, **James P. McMenemy '91** and his wife, Regina, announced the birth of their third child, Brett Thomas.

**Debra L. Stoudt '91** is a French teacher at Satchel Ford Elementary School in Columbia, S.C.

In September 2003, **Andrew S. Wangman '91** celebrated his fifth anniversary working at GE Polymershapes in Middletown.

On December 14, 2002, **Mary Blouch '92** and **The Rev. Dr. Voorhis C. Cantrell**, professor *emeritus* of religion and Greek at LVC, were married in the Palmyra Church of the Brethren.

On April 3, 2003, **Dr. Kristen L. Boeshore '92** and her husband, Dale Long, announced the birth of their second child, Eric Matthew. Kristen is the daughter of **Marilyn Boeshore**, assistant in LVC's alumni programs office.

**Kimberly Sollenberger Baldwin '92** is a prevention/intervention specialist with the Cumberland Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission in Carlisle.

**Dr. Marianne E. Boltz '92** is an optometrist for Kilmore Eye Associates of Mechanicsburg.

**Nicole Grove Brubaker '92** has released a new CD titled *Sol Siden*, from Rider Hall Music Company. Nicole and Barry Atticks form Sol Siden, a contemporary Christian duo. She has been a vocalist for numerous radio and television commercials and, for the past eight years, has served as a worship leader at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown.

**Antoinette R. Davis '92** received a master's degree in computer information systems from the University of Phoenix. In February 2003, she was elected into the international *Who's Who in Information Technology*.

On April 3, 2003, **Kimberly Shaffer Myers '92** and her husband, Bryan, announced the birth of their second child, Caroline Kimberly.

On March 5, 2003, **Michael L. Spangler '92** and his wife, Christine, welcomed a son, Luke Maximus, into their family.

On May 19, 2003, **Timothy P. Boltz '93** and his wife, **Kristine Kuhn Boltz '94**, welcomed a son, Michael Timothy, into their family.

**Helen M. Major '93** is a protective services case worker for Columbia-Montour County Area Agency on Aging in Bloomsburg.

**Denise Snyder Petrasic '93** is a laboratory chief with the city of Lebanon.

**Jill E. Stanley '93** is a school business administrator for the Madison and Hamilton Central school districts in New York.

On May 9, 2003, **Jonathan D. Wescott '93** and his wife, **Deborah Bullock Wescott '95**, announced the birth of their second child, Abigail Rose. Jon is LVC's director of residential life, and Deb is associate director of alumni programs at LVC.

On March 9, 2002, **Michelle Houtz Whitmoyer '93** and her husband, Christopher, welcomed a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, into their family.

On February 14, 2003, **Heather Fennell Burkner '94** and her husband, Burr, announced the birth of their third child, Paige Victoria. Heather enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to Paige and Paige's brothers, Quinn and Chase.

On November 12, 2002, **Bethany Yohe Eaton '94** and her husband, Christopher, welcomed a daughter, Julia, into their family. Julia was born on March 4, 2002, in Jiangxi, China.

**Lois Lapp Holsinger '94** is a pediatric occupational therapist for Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**John Lauffer '94** was awarded a teaching assistantship in France. He will be teaching English to French secondary school students in the Bordeaux area of France.

**Christy Herr Platts '94** is a SAP Oracle database administrator for Tyco Electronics in Harrisburg.

On July 13, 2002, **Sheri L. Smith '94** and her husband, Kris Collins, welcomed a

daughter, Jasmine Sierra, into their family. Sheri is a manufacturing facilitator for Merck & Company in West Point, N.Y.

**Lynn M. Sosnoskie '94** is a doctoral student and graduate research assistant in the department of horticulture and crop science at Ohio State University in Wooster. She received a graduate student leadership award and is on the university's search committee for a new vice president of research.

In May 2003, **Christine B. Wright '94** received a master's degree in social work from Adelphi University in New York.

**Melissa M. Anderson '95** is a business systems analyst for Rosenbluth International, a corporate travel management company.

**George J. Hollich III '95** is an assistant professor of developmental psychology at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. George is also a consulting editor of *Child Development*.

**Scott A. Maier '95** is master instructor at the Jim McLean Golf School at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif.

**Patrick F. Mason '95** is head football coach at Minersville Area High School.

On January 23, 2003, **Michael P. Putnam '95** and his wife, Sharyn, announced the birth of a son, Jack Douglas.

**Dana Centofanti Triantafillos '95**, a teacher with the New Jersey Department of Corrections, was voted 2002-2003 teacher of the year for the Stabilization and Reintegration Program.

In February 2003, **CWO Kirk L. Altrichter M'96** was called to active duty with the Marine Corps Reserves' Third Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company in

# Alumni Weekend

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for Alumni Weekend 2004 — June 11, 12 and 13. The classes of '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79 and '84 will be celebrating reunions. We hope to see you there! Call 1-800-ALUMLVC for more information or visit our web site at [www.lvc.edu/alumni](http://www.lvc.edu/alumni).

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Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

At Portsmouth Middle School in Rhode Island, **Rebecca Ragno Cituk '96** is a sixth-grade teacher and head coach for the school's cross country and track and field teams. During this past summer, she was one of three teachers selected by Brown University to work with scientists in the material engineering department. Through Brown's Research Experience for Teachers, Rebecca helped create educational programs/modules that will be used in middle- and high-school classrooms. In Rebecca's spare time, she plays soccer on an amateur Newport, R.I., soccer team.

**Spencer J. Dech '96** is a staff biologist with the department of safety assessment's cardiac electrophysiology group at Merck Research Laboratories in West Point.

**Troy H. Gregory '96** is a sales representative with the Bradco Supply Corporation in Hyattsville, Md.

**Jennifer A. Hihn '96** and Matthew F. Cabbage were married recently in Mount Calvary United Methodist Church in Harrisburg. Jennifer is an assistant general manager for the Bon Ton Department Store in Harrisburg.

**Lawrence W. Moore '96**, a music theory professor at Miami-Dade Community College in Florida, received a master's degree in media writing and production from the University of Miami. He was accepted into the doctoral program for musical arts in composition at the University of Miami.

**Nhien T. Nguyen '96** is a program analyst with the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C.

Dutch Gold Honey Inc. of Lancaster promoted **Charles W. Schatzman III M'96** to executive vice president of finance and administration.

**Kimberly Romania Tozzi '96** is a teacher with the Gold Creek School District in New Jersey.

On October 5, 2002, **Laura Ann Hain '97** and **Terry Jay Motter Jr. '97** were married at St. Christopher Lutheran Church in Lykens. Laura is an assistant law librarian at the Dauphin County Law Library. Terry is a youth program specialist at the Schaffner Juvenile Detention Center in Harrisburg.

**SSG Nathan A. Hillegas '97** is attending Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga. After his graduation, Nathan will be heading off to the Infantry Basic Course and Ranger School.

**Mather B. Hutchens M'97** is a materials engineer in the product engineering department of the Defense Supply Center located in Richmond, Va.

**Bethany D. Mummert '97** is a financial analyst with Everest Field Technologies in Boothwyn.

**Robert A. Murin '97** is a project manager for the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

**Pamela A. Pedrick '97** is director of client services for the Cornerstone Pregnancy Center of South Jersey located in Bridgeton, N.J.

On July 13, 2002, **Rebecca L. Avers '97** and **Christopher D. Pope '91** were married in LVC's Miller Chapel. Members of the wedding party included **Jill C. Schreiber '96**, **Danielle Zimmerman Miller '96**, **Jennifer A. Hihn '96**, **Bridget Lohr Geisel '95**, **J. Ronald Hess '91**, **Joseph E. Buehler '89** and **Douglas J. Ferguson '99**.

**James J. Schwalm '97** is a math teacher at Biglerville Middle School.

On May 9, 2003, **Charles W. Ulrich IV '97** and his wife, Gail, announced the birth of their second daughter, Carley Jade.

**Brian C. Berling '98** is a pharmaceutical research scientist for Alpha Pharma USHP.

**Brian D. Burke '98** is a history teacher for the Ridgefield Board of Education in New Jersey. His wife, **Lauren Corbett Burke '99**, is a science teacher in the New Milford School District.

On October 5, 2002, **Ann Kane '98** and Ted Bowman were married at the Joseph Ambler Inn in North Wales. Ann is a corporate controller for The Norwood Company in West Chester.

**Stacy V. Lavin '98** is a human resources associate with the Glenmede Trust Company, N.A., in Philadelphia.

**Justin L. McCall '98** is an attorney with the firm of Papernick & Gefsky LLC in Pittsburgh.

**Jerry W. Pfarr '98** is a scientist III for Geo-Centers Inc. at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

After serving as a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University for two years, **Dr. Raymond E. Schaak '98** is now an assistant professor of chemistry at Texas A&M University. His specialties include inorganic materials chemistry and nanotechnology.

**Jeffrey A. Sherk '98** and April Eisenhauer were married on May 31, 2003.

In May 2003, **Jennifer L. Smith '98** graduated from the Pennsylvania State College of Medicine. Jennifer will continue her training in pediatrics at Penn State University.

On April 7, 2003, **Lisa Epting Underwood '98** and her husband, **Craig A. Underwood '99**, announced the birth of their second child, Ryan Alexander.

**James S. Unger '98** is in his sixth year of teaching at Austin Elementary School in Atlanta, Ga. He also serves as the school's webmaster. In addition, James coaches both the long jump and the triple jump at Oglethorpe University.

**Carrie A. Champ '99** is a psychologist for Milton Hershey School.

**Kelly A. Dessert '99** is a first-grade teacher for the Franklin Regional School District in Murrysville.

On June 7, 2003, **Amy N. Edris '99** and **John W. Music Jr. '01** were married in LVC's Miller Chapel. Members of the wedding party included **Lindsey Edris '03** and **Chad Hoofnagle '02**.

**Alicia Fioravanti '99** is a first-time offenders program administrator for the Lebanon County Juvenile Probation Department.

On September 28, 2002, **Matthew R. Franks '99** and Tyson M. Ardrey were married at Second Avenue United Methodist Church in Altoona. Matthew is employed by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Marietta.

**Lori M. Moyer '99** is a senior airman with the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center at Fort Indiantown Gap.

**Thomas P. Schaaf '99** is a teacher with Alternative Rehabilitation Communities in Jonestown.

**Shane M. Sipes '99** is a business analyst with Hartford Life Insurance Co. in Simsbury, Conn.

**Lisa M. Speck '99** is a senior intensive case manager for Keystone Mental Health Services in Harrisburg.

**Wayne P. Tulli '99** is a quality control specialist for Gilbert Architects in Lancaster.

On April 5, 2003, **Eric B. White '99** and Lynn Backer were married at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lebanon. Members of the wedding party included **Ryan S. Redner '99** and **Randal D. Kostelac '99**.

On August 30, 2002, **Susan Myers Yeager '99** and her husband, Kirk, announced the birth of their son, Carter Douglas.

## '00s

**Seaman Levar D. Bouyer '00** recently completed basic training at the U.S. Navy's Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill.

**Diane L. Butzer M'00** is an assistant principal at Wheatland Middle School in the Lancaster School District.

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**James W. Franklin '00** and **Shawna Bortner**, a former LVC student, were married on August 17, 2002.

**Lori Beth Swigert Hans '00** is an analyst for Constellation Energy Group in Baltimore, Md.

**Gregory L. Kratzer '00** is a teacher at Upper Dauphin Area High School in Elizabethville.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council of Philadelphia recently promoted **Kathryn Laepple '00** to the position of development associate.

**Gwen E. Lawson '00** is a fifth- and sixth-grade drama teacher at Rogers Middle School in Pearland, Texas.

**Amanda Ott '00** and **Jeffrey Templeton '98** were married in Jonestown on June 7, 2003. Members of the wedding party included **Carrie Fetterman '00**, **Marcia Reed Weist '00**, **Jessica Scheinder Bender '00** and **Joseph J. Martin '98**. Amanda is an English teacher and field hockey coach at Eastern Lebanon County High School in Myerstown. Jeff is major market service specialist with Paychex in Norristown.

**Jennifer D. Rakowski '00** is a microbiologist for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Harrisburg.

**Selena L. Rodgers '00** is show safety specialist for Sight and Sound Ministries in Strasburg. In December 2002, she graduated from Messiah College with a degree in athletic training, and is a certified strength and conditioning specialist.

**Lindsay A. Shattuck '00** is a seventh- and eighth-grade band director at Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School in New Jersey.

**Francy L. Spangler '00** is a teacher in the Lebanon School District.

**Sharon Williams '00** is a program analyst with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

**Frank D. Zernhelt '00** is a chemical engineer with General Electric Water Technologies in Treviso.

**Stephanie M. Bender '01** is a financial aid administrator for Towson University in Baltimore, Md.

**Kelly R. Cooney '01** is a staff accountant for Harsco Corporation in Camp Hill.

**Bryan D. Cutler '01** is studying health law at Widener University.

In May 2003, **Eugene R. Kelly III '01** received a master's degree in higher education counseling from West Chester

University. He is resident life coordinator at Lehigh University in Bethlehem.

On January 19, 2003, **Andrew P. Rimby '01** and his wife, Rebecca, announced the birth of a son, Christopher William.

**Kimberly M. Simmons '01** is a music teacher and chorus director at Palmyra Area Middle School.

**Sara Stichler '01** was awarded a teaching assistantship in France. She will be teaching English to French primary school students in Creteil, a suburb of Paris.

**Kirsten L. Stowell '01** is a research and design laboratory technician for Arrow International in Reading.

**Todd R. Sturniolo '01** is a graduate student at the Cleveland Institute of Music in Ohio.

**David B. Towery '01** is a senior cost and budget analyst for Highmark in Harrisburg.

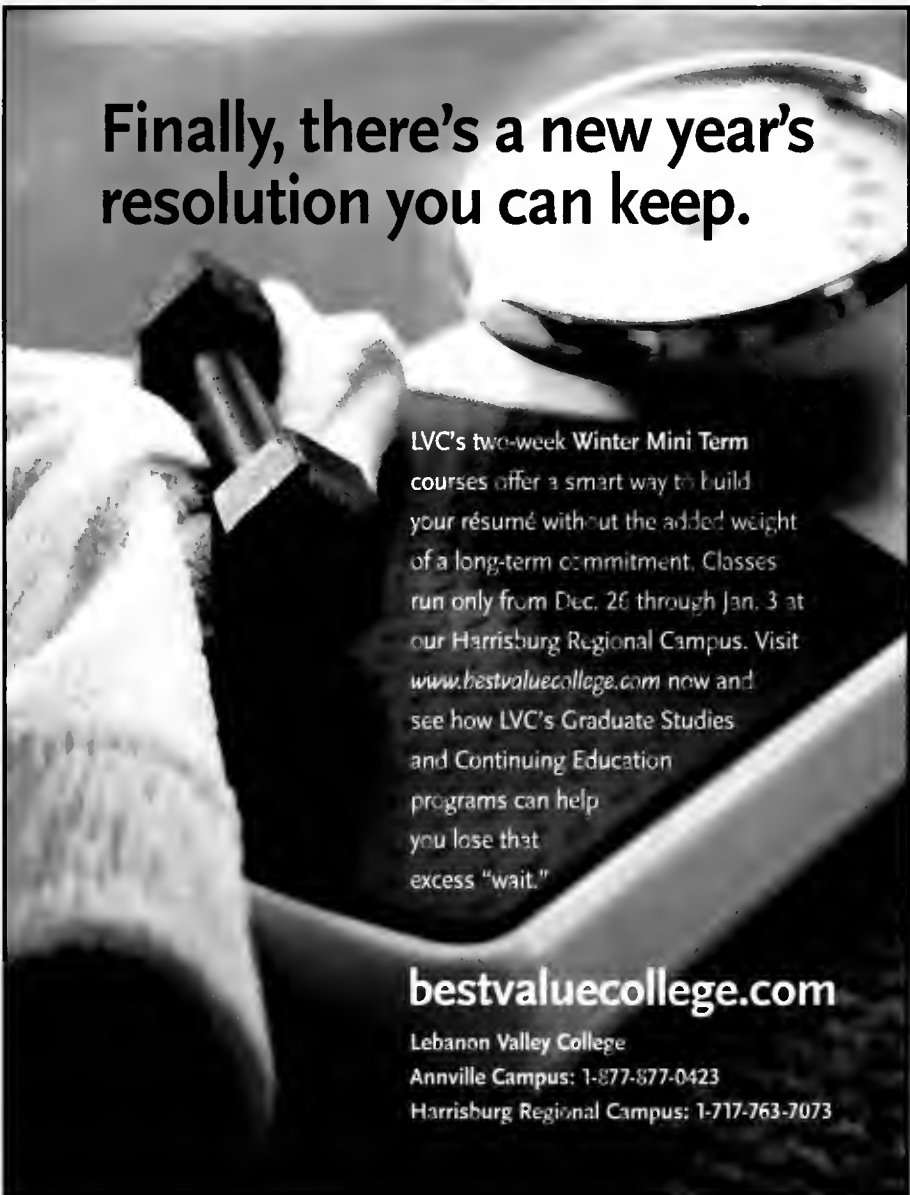
**Joachim "Jack" Townsend M'01** is a senior contracts manager at NISH, a non-profit national agency located in Vienna, Va., that assists people with severe disabilities to find employment.

**Stephanie Wealand Uplinger '01** is a product manager for CNH Global in New Holland.

On April 21, 2003, **Michelle Walmsley '01** ran in the 107th Boston Marathon, her third marathon since graduating from LVC.

**Rebecca Drayer Weaver '01** is a marketing specialist for United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

**Melinda Gordon Wilson '01** is a staff accountant for Trout, Ebersole & Groff, LLP, in Lancaster.



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**Susan K. Borelli M'02** has been promoted to assistant director of major gifts at LVC.

**Benjamin S. Eastlack '02** is network engineer for WellChoice Inc. in Harrisburg.

**Jared M. Daubert '02** is the band director at Lebanon High School.

**Lois E. Fegan '02** is a research assistant for the Correctional Education Association in Lanham, Md.

**Amanda M. Fortney '02** is the director of the elementary, middle and high school orchestras in the Hanover Public School District. Amanda also teaches strings to students in grades 3 through 12.

**Patrick Grant '02**, a team leader for Newell Rubbermaid, was recognized as a Phoenix Legend Award Winner at the company's national sales conference held recently in Phoenix, Ariz. Patrick currently manages a four-state territory (Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Illinois) and is responsible for seven field marketing representatives, recruiting at Purdue University and managing a \$22 million territory.

**Ensign April L. Gunsallus '02** recently completed Aviation Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla.

**Nathan E. Himes '02** is a graduate student at George Washington University.

**Mary F. Hoagland '02** is an instrumental teacher in the Oxford Area School District.

**Angela Hoover M'02** is a teacher in the Manheim Township School District.

**Kara R. Kinsey '02** is pursuing a master's degree in communications at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu.

**Jenah Marie MacDonald '02** is a bookkeeper for S. Ellis & Company in Camp Hill.

**Jason R. Mackey '02** is an agent with Dale Wagner Insurance Agency in Harrisburg.

**Jennifer A. Newcomer '02** is a senior human resource management assistant for recruitment at Loma Linda University Medical Center in California.

**Robert L. Perry '02** is a junior consultant with HJ Financial Group in Plymouth Meeting.

**Karen G. Sanderson '02** is a human resources administrator with Hershey Entertainment & Resorts in Hershey.

**Jennifer C. Wetzel '02** is an assistant managing editor at Idea Group Publishing in Hershey.

**Douglas A. Widener '02** and **Beth Ann Gross '02** were married on June 7, 2003.

**Melissa Yoder Wissler '02** is the relationship manager in the wealth management division at Fulton Financial Advisors in Lancaster.

**Benjamin H. Bamford '03** is a senior commercial project manager for Elam G. Stoltzfus Jr. Inc. in Lancaster.

### In Memoriam

**George S. Bachman**, one-time LVC student and friend of the College, died on January 29, 2003, in Perth Amboy, N.J., at 88 years of age. An Army veteran, he served in Europe during World War II. George was the former director of the Research Fiber Glass Division of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in Shelbyville, Ind.

**Walter F. Raab**, the 1985 LVC Founders Day Award recipient, died on April 3, 2003, in Jupiter, Fla., at 78 years of age.

**Lucille Engle Otto '33** died on February 22, 2003, in Palmyra at the age of 92. A former educator, Lucille was the mother of **Walter D. Otto '67** and the sister of **Esther Otto Hivner '47**, **John W. Engle '39** and **Robert M. Engle '48**.

**William K. Fishburn '34** died on May 2, 2003, in Ephrata at 90 years of age. He was a U.S. Army veteran, who served in China, Burma and India during World War II. William was retired from the Air Supply Depot in Goldsboro, N.C.

**Dr. Lewis P. Frank '36** died on February 1, 2003, in Carlisle at the age of 89. Lewis was a U.S. Army combat surgeon during World War II who served in the Pacific arena, including Guadalcanal. He was a retired surgeon from Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon.

**Dr. Charles I. Hoffman '37** died on May 12, 2003, in Lancaster at the age of 87. A retired dentist, Charles served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

**Jefferson C. Barnhart '38** — please see page 39.

**Luther H. Immler '39** died on February 5, 2003, in Severna Park, Md., at the age of 85. A musician and retired school band director, Luther was responsible for creating instrumental music programs in several Maryland public schools. While serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he landed on Utah Beach in France during the Normandy invasion.

**Dr. Carl Y. Ehrhart '40** — please see page 39.

**John H. Dressler '41** died on May 21, 2003, at 82 years of age.

**Dr. Charles Lazin '41** died on March 10, 2003, in Sarasota, Fla., at the age of 83. A veteran of World War II, he was a member

of the U.S. Army Air Corp and received numerous medals and honors. He was a retired dentist, who practiced in Lebanon for 50 years. Charles was the uncle of LVC Trustee **Malcolm L. Lazin '65**.

**E. Jane Smith Scherfel '43** died on June 18, 2003, at 82 years of age. Jane was the wife of **William Scherfel Jr. '40**.

**James R. Blauch '49** died on March 11, 2003, in Lebanon at 77 years of age. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II who served at the Battle of the Bulge, Jim was a prisoner of war for five months. He was the retired vice president of Quaker Alloy Casting Co. in Myerstown and was the father of **John H. Blauch '70**.

**Robert H. Marquette '49** died on May 2, 2003, in Myerstown at 80 years of age. A member of the Marine Corps during World War II, he served in Okinawa and China. The owner of Loser's Music Store in Lebanon, Robert was the husband of **Grace Cully Marquette '46** and the brother of **Dr. George "Rinso" Marquette '48**.

**Dr. John E. Marshall '49** died on April 23, 2003, in Lebanon, at 76 years of age. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, John was a retired physician with Conrad Weiser Medical Group. He was the husband of **Elaine Heilman Marshall '48**.

**Richard A. Checket '50** died on February 12, 2003, in Lebanon at the age of 79. He was a retired production manager at the former Lebanon Steel Foundry.

**John H. Ilgenfritz '50** died on January 25, 2003, at the age of 76.

Retired teacher **Ethel Beam Mark '50** died on April 6, 2003, in Elizabethtown at 84 years of age.

**Frederic Walls Brown '50** died on May 5, 2003, in Wyoming, Del., at the age of 75. Before attending LVC, he served two years in the U.S. Navy. Frederic was the former co-owner of B & B Music Service in Wyoming.

**The Rev. Robert E. Zuver '50** died on February 15, 2003, in Millersburg at 75 years of age. A U.S. Navy veteran, he was a retired minister from Grace United Methodist Church in Millersburg.

**Donald E. Coldren '51** died on May 26, 2003, in Carlisle at the age of 73. A retired lieutenant colonel, he served 20 years in the military intelligence branch of the U.S. Army, serving during both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. After retiring from the Army, Donald spent 18 years with the Pennsylvania Welfare Department.

**The Rev. Dr. Robert M. Daugherty '52, H'77** died on April 8, 2003, in Lancaster at

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72 years of age. Before retiring in 1996, he served as minister for United Methodist churches in Broomall, Lebanon and Lancaster. He was also a former superintendent of the UMC's Lebanon-Reading District of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, a former chair of the Latin American Task Force and vice president of the World Division for the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC. Robert was the husband of **Dr. Ruth Sheaffer Daugherty '52**.

**James R. Kendig '52** died on April 20, 2003, in Dunedin, Fla., at the age of 76. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during World War II. Before retiring and moving to Florida, James was the activities director at the Camp Hill Correctional Institute.

**George M. Knobl, Ph.D., '52** died on January 16, 2003, in Charlotte, N.C., at the age of 72. He retired from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Agency of the Department of Commerce in 1988.

**Melvin Schiff '52** died on April 12, 2003, in Schenectady, N.Y., at the age of 76. For 36 years, he was a music teacher and band director in New York's Niskayuna Central School System. Melvin also gave private music lessons.

**Ardith Gaumer Steckel '55** died on June 3, 2003, in Lehigh Township at the age of 69. She was the choir director and organist for St. John's United Church of Christ in Slatington.

**Ruth C. Reddinger '58** died on June 11, 2002, in St. Augustine, Fla., at 73 years of age. A former stewardess and nurse with Eastern Airlines, she at one time owned Ruth C. Reddinger Real Estate in Beverly, Mass.

**The Rev. Wayne V. Atwell '59** died on February 7, 2003, in Millersville at 80 years of age. A veteran of World War II who served under Gen. George Patton, he was a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Ruth Walker Bucher '60** died on May 11, 2003, in Palmyra at the age of 89. A former school teacher, Ruth taught elementary children for 23 years in Orange County, Calif.

**Albert F. Standish Jr. '62** died on May 15, 2003, in Mt. Gretna at 65 years of age. A former member of the U.S. Army, he was retired from New Penn Motor Express in Lebanon where he was claims manager. For over 30 years, Albert was a member of the Mt. Gretna Community Fire Company.

**John F. Matsko Jr. '64** died on February 25, 2003, in Cape Coral, Fla., at the age of 61. John was the president of Blough-Wagner Manufacturing Company in Middleburg. He was the son of the late **John F. Matsko Sr.**, a

former LVC trustee, and the brother of **Dr. Robert P. Masko '67**.

**Andrew W. Kreider '65** — please see page 39.

**David A. Hoffner '69** died on January 24, 2003, in Buffalo, N.Y., at 55 years of age. For 33 years, David taught social studies in the Hamburg School District. He was also a Sunday school superintendent and a teacher at Hamburg Wesleyan Church.

**Andrew F. Grider '85** died on May 22, 2003, in Harrisburg at the age of 42. He was a music teacher in the Harrisburg School District and the music director for the Jewish Community Center Summer Program.

Andrew was also the children's choir director at Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church.

**Grace Mase Stover '93** died on January 6, 2003, in Hershey at 50 years of age. After retiring from Hershey Foods Corporation, she worked at Lebanon Valley Family Medicine in Palmyra. Grace was the sister of **Judy Mase Kennedy '96**.

**Preston C. Hadley '94** died on May 30, 2003, in Madison, Wis., at the age of 32.

**Vernon E. Pocius Jr. '99** died on April 13, 2003, in Lansdale at the age of 27. He was an engineer/supervisor at Hershey Foods Corporation.

### PLANNED GIVING

## Dr. Geffen LEAVES A LEGACY

**T**o **Dr. Elizabeth May Geffen**, professor *emeritus* of history, education was extremely important. She earned her bachelor's degree in English education, master's degree in English, and doctorate in American civilization, all from the University of Pennsylvania. She regarded her doctorate as a badge of honor because she earned the degree as a part-time student while working full time.

Geffen arrived on the campus of Lebanon Valley in August of 1958 and retired in June of 1983. During this long tenure, she worked her way through the academic ranks and retired as a professor of history and chair of the Department of History and Political Science. She said many times that she had two careers, one as an accomplished historian and another as a college history teacher. She excelled at both.

As a college history teacher, her major goal was to motivate students to study American history. She was well respected by her students, especially by the majors who regarded her as "knowing her stuff." Majors who went on to graduate school found themselves especially well prepared. To them, she made a difference. She taught by telling stories and her anecdotal lectures showed her jolly sense of humor. She was "old school" in the sense of being tough and rigorous, often challenging students to work harder than they thought they could. In the classroom, she used her eyes effectively, often rolling them at any sign of student mediocrity.

In keeping with the value she placed on education, in 1988 Geffen established the *Elizabeth M. Geffen Scholarship in History*. This scholarship supports an outstanding history major who has "contributed significantly to the development of the department."

Knowing that over a period of time, college expenses would increase, and her endowment would have a less positive impact on the lives of the students, Geffen generously added to her scholarship each year. Since she would not always be here to aid students, she also established a charitable trust through a local bank. When she passed away in 2002, Elizabeth May Geffen's philanthropy did not die with her. Each year, the trust she established will support an outstanding history major at Lebanon Valley College.

(Contributed by **Dr. Howard Applegate**, professor *emeritus* of history and American studies.)

For more information on Planned Giving, please contact **Susan K. Borelli M'02**, assistant director of major gifts, at 1-866-GIVE-LVC or [borelli@lvc.edu](mailto:borelli@lvc.edu).







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## LEGACIES

THIS FALL, 14 students in LVC's entering class of 2007 were children of Valley graduates. Gretchen Artz, Claire Behney, Craig Brown, Bailey Claeys, Sara Fuhrman, Brendan Fullam, John Gentile Jr., Matthew Jarry, Kelly Kauffman, Mark Orndorf, Rebecca Rentzel, David Siegal, Gregory Strohman and Katherine Umberger are carrying on the family tradition of earning a Valley degree. Six of these families came together for a photo shoot during Convocation Weekend. Individual family photographs can be found at [www.lvc.edu/alumni](http://www.lvc.edu/alumni).



*Front Row (l to r): Brendan Fullam '07, Gregory Strohman '07, Mark Orndorf '07 and Craig Brown '07; Middle Row (l to r): Sherie Ann Warlow Strohman '79, Deborah Reimer Fullam '81, Kelly Kauffman '07, Rae Sechrist '42, Bailey Claeys '07, Katherine Umberger '07, Carol McCleary Orndorf '81, William J. Brown Jr. '79, Donna Bacon '79 and Brian Claeys '81; Back Row (l to r): Walter Fullam '80, Julie Kauffman Claeys '81, Ellen Rae Kauffman Zeigler '67, Bill Kauffman '74, Thomas Strohman '75, Linda Shay Umberger '76 and Thomas Orndorf '81*

# THE SPORTING LIFE

BY JOHN TUSCANO '98

**ANDY PANKO '99 and DARREN PUGH '03** are enjoying the opportunity of a lifetime, and it's one so few of us are able to realize — the chance to live their dream.

In this case, the dream is to extend their basketball careers beyond the hardwood floors of historic Lynch Gymnasium. Panko, Lebanon Valley College's all-time leading scorer, has spent most of his post-Flying Dutchmen days playing overseas in Europe.

Pugh, meanwhile, recently headed off to play for the New York Nationals, a traveling team that is often the whipping post for the legendary Harlem Globetrotters.

"This has been an unbelievable experience for me," said Panko, who recently signed a contract to play for Casademont Girona in Spain.

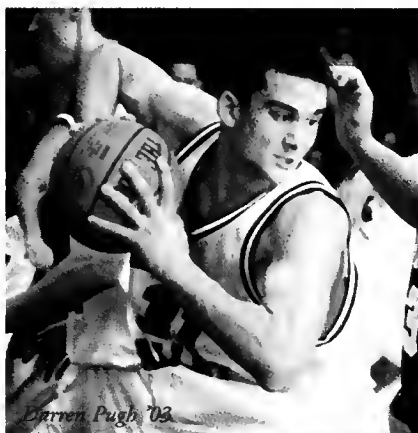
"Spain is one of the best countries in the world to play basketball. It's probably the second-best league in the world next to the NBA and the National teams."

Before landing in Girona, Spain, which is just an hour from Barcelona and a half hour from France, Panko lent his exceptional talents to the International Basketball League, the Puerto Rican League, the Italian League and the Continental Basketball Association. While in the CBA, Panko played for the Dakota Wizards and won league MVP honors in 2002-2003.

"The competition in the CBA was great too, and it served as a great stepping stone for my career," said Panko.

"I'm very happy here [in Spain]. I'm in a great city, they've set me up with a great apartment with a pool and the weather here is beautiful."

The Harrisburg native and Bishop McDevitt graduate also has played on NBA Summer League teams for the Los Angeles Lakers, Chicago Bulls, Milwaukee Bucks and New York



*Darren Pugh '03 (top) and Andy Panko '99 (bottom photos) are realizing their dream of performing as professional athletes.*

Knicks.

As for Pugh, his opportunity came about through a friend, who helped arrange an interview at the Nationals' headquarters in Atlantic City, N.J.

"It's a great experience and a chance to keep playing basketball," Pugh said.

Pugh, a native of Shippensburg, will also tour with the Nationals in November and December. He is looking forward to going toe-to-toe with the Globetrotters.

"It should be fun. I haven't done anything like this before, so I'm not sure what to expect," Pugh said.

"We'll be playing around 105 games. Every day, it's our job to put on

a show and realize that no one is there to see us. It's our job to make them look good."

**Editor's Note:** LVC has also had several other athletes play professionally over the years, including six baseball players who found their way to the major leagues, and five former ice hockey players who signed professional contracts. According to Rick Benner, co-chairman of the collegiate baseball committee of SABR, the following former LVC baseball players competed in the big leagues: SI PAUXTIS (four games as catcher for the 1909 Cincinnati Reds), MYRL BROWN (seven games as a pitcher, with a 3-1 record, for the 1922 Pittsburgh Pirates), HINKEY HAINES (28 games as an outfielder for the 1923 New York Yankees), LEFTY WOLF (eight games as a relief pitcher for the 1921 Philadelphia Athletics), REUBEN EWING (b. Cohen; three games at shortstop for the 1921 St. Louis Cardinals) and CHARLIE GELBERT. Gelbert played nine years at shortstop and third base for the St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds, Detroit Tigers, Washington Senators and Boston Red Sox from 1929 to 1940; he had a .267 career lifetime batting average. Finally, LOU SORRENTINO '54, former LVC athletic director and head football coach, signed professional contracts with both the Philadelphia Eagles (football) and Baltimore Orioles (baseball). GREG KUTCHMA '02, KEVIN BLOCK '02, JAMIE TAYLOR '02, BRIAN YINGLING '03 and BENJAMIN KWON '03 are the five former LVC ice hockey players who have inked professional contracts. If you know of any other LVC graduates with professional sport experience, please contact BRADEN SNYDER '99, sports information director, at bsnyder@lvc.edu.

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# Practice Makes Perfect

BY LORI MYERS



Some students prefer the anonymity of a large bustling urban college campus where student ID numbers take the place of names, and professors can't tell one face from the next. That was not the case for two Lebanon Valley College alumni who were greatly affected by the personal attention they received during their undergraduate careers and carried that personal touch into their medical practices.

**Dr. Lenwood Wert '55** knew years before that medicine would be his life's work and his passion for the medical field never diminished. But LVC reinforced his passion for people, and he fondly recalls the small-college atmosphere of LVC, where close and intimate relationships with students and faculty were the rule rather than the exception.

"I still remember the people's faces," he says. "My biology professor, Dr. Grimm (**Dr. S.O. Grimm '06**), was down-to-earth and loved the students. LVC has had a very positive effect on my life."

That "positive effect" is very much in evidence inside Wert's chairman medical practice in Lonsdale, Pa., where he has been a doctor for 43 years. Here, in an office attached to his home, patients bring him homemade pasta, two friendly Great Danes named Heidi and Snuggi greet visitors, and Wert is available 24/7 for house calls, emergencies or consultations.

"My office has a homey atmosphere with a fireplace in the waiting room," he remarks. "My patients are my friends."

Across the Pennsylvania state border in the rural community of Salem, N.J., **Dr. John Patricelli '73** says that the personal attention he received during his years as a biology major at LVC has helped him give that same individual concern to those patients who seek his expertise as a general surgeon.

"LVC provided me with a level of education I needed in the environment I needed," he says. "**Dr. Al Wolfe** and **Dr. Paul Wolf** were always available to help you with a problem. They wanted us to be successful as much as we did ourselves. They reinforced that philosophy of enjoying what you do."

Despite his busy schedule, Patricelli has not forgotten LVC. He and his wife, **Janine Womer Patricelli '73**, have a scholarship in their name at the College, and their daughter, **Amy Patricelli '02**, has made being an LVC graduate a family tradition. Patricelli recently visited the campus and was amazed by the recent dramatic makeover at LVC.

"I saw the expansion of the athletic fields and the land's coping," he says. "It was really spectacular."

**Lori Myers is a Harrisburg-based freelance writer who has had articles published in national and regional magazines, newspapers and on the Internet. She is a regular contributor to WITF's Central PA Magazine.**



## President's Opening Breakfast

Lebanon Valley College began the new academic year August 22, with the opening breakfast that has become a tradition in recent years. Lebanon Valley College **President G. David Pollick** reviewed last year's College milestones and outlined his vision for the current academic year. The event brought together College staff, faculty and trustees, as well as local officials and invited guests.

At the breakfast, President Pollick emphasized the College's strong commitment to the local community when he made three separate financial contributions totaling \$70,150 to Annville Township and the Annville-Cleona School District. Most of that amount, \$50,000, went to The Greater Annville Committee for the College's third installment toward the Annville Streetscape Project, which has beautified four blocks on Route 422 alongside the College and extending past Route 934 toward Hershey.

"This year, as we look out on the

beautiful new streetscape on Main Street, we can feel deeply grateful for everyone involved in the years of planning that made this possible," said Dr. Pollick. "The street has not only been beautified with brick-lined sidewalks, more trees and distinctive street lights, but the wider intersections, new traffic patterns and pedestrian crossing signals make the area safer for both drivers and pedestrians. We salute the changes and are pleased to continue our financial support for this project and the Annville-Cleona School District."

The College has pledged a total of \$250,000 toward the streetscape, which is also designed to encourage the preservation of Annville's architecture and enhance the township's economic development. The Annville-Cleona School District was the beneficiary of a check for \$12,000. The final amount, a contribution of \$8,150, was for the Annville Board of Commissioners to use at their discretion for township operations.

Freshmen are also coming from three foreign countries: Sweden, Canada and Nigeria.

### JOB CHANGES

**Walter Labonte** has joined the full-time faculty as an instructor in English and director of the Writing Center. He has been an adjunct faculty member here since 1992, and also served as acting director of the writing center. He holds a bachelor's degree in education and English from Northeastern University in Boston and also a master of arts degree in English from Northeastern. He earned a master of education degree from Curry College near Boston. While at LVC, he has served simultaneously as an adjunct faculty member at Millersville University and Harrisburg Area Community College.

**Victoria Rose**, who was formerly an adjunct assistant professor of music here, has been named to the full-time faculty as an instructor of music. An accomplished vocalist, she has extensive professional experience as an oratorio, art song and chamber music soloist. She has been on three European tours with Masterworks Chorale and has served as president of the LVC Alumni Chorale. Rose has conducted numerous vocal workshops and has served as a judge of vocal competitions. After completing her undergraduate degree in music at The Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, she earned a master's degree in vocal performance from Towson University in Maryland.

### COLLEGE ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB

Lebanon Valley College continued to meet its enrollment goals in the fall of 2003, attracting 478 highly qualified new students, with over 84 percent of them eligible for the College's Presidential Scholarships Program, which guarantees tuition discounts to high-achieving first-year and transfer students.

Eight of the freshmen students are valedictorians of their high school classes, and three are salutatorians. There are 1,540 full-time students on campus this year. Twenty-eight students studied off-campus during the fall semester, 27 went overseas and one participated in the Washington, D.C., semester internship program.

Two of the new first-year students received the President's Award, a full-tuition, merit-based scholarship, said **William J. Brown Jr.** '79, dean of admission and financial aid. One hundred ninety-seven students who were in the top 10 percent of their high school class qualified for one-half tuition Vickroy Awards. One hundred three first-year students who graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school class were awarded one-third tuition

Leadership Awards and 58 students who graduated in the top 30 percent earned one-quarter tuition Achievement Awards.

The 478 entering students come from 12 states, mostly from the Middle Atlantic region as well as from Illinois, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina and Wyoming.

## The Common Clay

**THOMAS A. LANESE**, associate professor *emeritus* of strings, conducting and theory, and his wife, Denise, recently published *The Common Clay: A Dual Memoir of Denise and Tom Lanese*. Tom Lanese taught at LVC from 1954 to 1978, he toured the Pacific Theater during WWII with Irving Berlin's "This is the Army" orchestra and appeared in the movie by the same name after the war. **Denise Lanese** is the daughter of Pierre Monteux, former conductor of the Paris Symphony Orchestra, which premiered many of the early Modernist compositions including Igor Stravinsky's "The Rites of Spring." *The Common Clay* includes stories and photographs from the time the Lanese family spent at LVC. Their memoirs are available at the LVC College Store.



*Heilman Center*

## PHYSICAL THERAPY MOVES TOWARD ACCREDITATION

Lebanon Valley College's Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree Program won the first approval it needs to be considered for full accreditation in 2006. The College now has Candidate for Accreditation status, awarded last May by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association. Eighty-eight students are currently enrolled in the program; the first class of 10 is expected to be awarded doctoral degrees in May 2006.

## LYNCH DEMOLITION; NEW GYM DEDICATED

On May 17, nearly 100 people attended the Lynch Demolition Party, which signaled the start of the Lynch Revitalization plan. The

space once occupied by the gym is now being converted into several new general-purpose, technology-enabled classrooms, a 90-seat lecture hall, faculty offices and seminar rooms.

To usher in a new era at the Valley, alumni, parents, students and friends joined the College community during Oktoberfest to formally dedicate the new gymnasium on October 4. A grand celebration party followed on the gym floor. This newest building on campus is on the southeast side of the Heilman Center. It seats 1,650+, nearly a 40 percent increase over the capacity of the former Lynch Gymnasium. The 1994 championship basketball team was also recognized during the dedication ceremony. Earlier that day, during pre-game festivities at the football game vs. Delaware Valley College, some legendary LVC athletes were inducted into the hall of fame. Honored were **Thomas W. Cestare '71**, **John M. Holbrook '72**, **Susan Partilla Rilatt '90**, **Barry H. Streeter '71** and **Bryna L. Vandergrift '89**.

## LVC DEBUTS NEW WEB SITE

The new LVC web site was unveiled to the public in July after over a year of work behind the scenes. The new look offers far more features, including an array of changing pictures on the home page, [www.lvc.edu](http://www.lvc.edu), improved presences for LVC parents and the graduate studies and continuing education programs, stronger search engines, and much more. The new site was

created in-house by **Kristy Adams**, webmaster; **Stan Furmanak**, systems and reference librarian; and **David Shapiro '99**, UNIX/Windows system administrator. Feedback on the new site can be directed to the webmaster at: [kadams@lvc.edu](mailto:kadams@lvc.edu).

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ON PRIMETIME

*ABC World News Tonight* with Peter Jennings showcased LVC's innovative Presidential Scholarship Program in a feature segment on April 30. An ABC crew spent a day on campus filming for the two-and-a-half-minute piece, which highlighted the College's affordability for high-achieving students. **Dr. G. David Pollick**, president of the College, and **William J. Brown Jr. '79**, dean of admission and financial aid, were interviewed for the program. For more information on the Presidential Scholarship Program, visit <http://www.lvc.edu/financial-aid/presidential-scholar.aspx>.

## ARBOR DAY

The Lebanon Valley College student environmental club, Student Action for Earth



*Dr. Suzanne H. Arnold H'00 participates in the Lynch Demolition as Dr. Ross W. Fasick '55 cheers on her efforts.*



*The 1994 NCAA National Championship team was recognized during Oktoberfest weekend.*

(S.A.F.E.), planted a tree in front of the Humanities Center to commemorate Arbor Day on April 25. Maureen Gingrich, Pennsylvania representative, and **Ryan Kitko '05**, president of S.A.F.E., filled in the dirt around the tree, while **Kelly Hilkert '06** read a poem in honor of the occasion. **Dr. Susan Verhoek**, director of the College's Arboretum and professor of biology, worked closely with S.A.F.E. to oversee the project. Other students involved in the event were **Lisa Meranti '04**, vice president of S.A.F.E. and co-founder of the organization with Kitko, and **Dennis**

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**Wiscount '06**, who also read a poem. S.A.F.E.'s major project for 2002-03 was to revitalize campus-wide recycling.

## KUDOS

LVC awarded diplomas to over 500 students during its 134th annual Commencement ceremony on May 10. **The Rev.**

**Timothy Dewald**, coordinator of academic advising and community programming at the College, spoke at the baccalaureate service, thanking the ancient Iraqis for "Math, Writing, Beer and God." The Commencement speaker was **Marie Bongiovanni**, chair and professor of English. In an address titled "Write Your Own Life," she asked, "Why should your own life be any less exciting than the most compelling tales?" She spoke as a result of earning the College's highest teaching honor, the Thomas Rhys Vickroy Distinguished Teaching Award, at the previous year's Commencement.

**Dr. Ross W. Fasick '55**, who has served on the College's Board of Trustees since 1992 and as its chair from 1997 to 2003, was surprised to be the recipient of an honorary degree at Commencement. Fasick stepped down as chair of the board in May, but will remain a College Trustee. After starting his career as a chemist for the Dupont Chemical Corp., Fasick rose through the ranks and retired as senior vice president of E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. He is the holder of 15 patents and the author of numerous publications in his discipline. During the Commencement ceremony, **Dr. Stephen MacDonald**, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, hailed Fasick as a scientist, inventor, leader of industry and benefactor of his community.

**Marion Markowicz**, instructor in sociology and full-time social worker at the Hershey Medical Center, was also honored at Commencement with the Nevelyn J. Knisley Award for Inspirational Teaching, the top annual award for a part-time or adjunct faculty member. She was hailed as a caring teacher for her depth of knowledge and for her eagerness to share her expertise with her classes.

Two students qualified for the top student award, the H. Anthony Neidig Award. It went to **Matthew Russell '03** of York and **Julia Wolfe '03** of Forest Hill, Md. Russell graduated with a double major in chemistry and philosophy. He presented scholarly



*Dr. Ross W. Fasick '55 (center) receives his honorary degree from Dr. David Pollick (left) and Dr. Owen Moe at Commencement.*

papers in philosophy at academic conferences, winning awards while competing against graduate students. He also presented research papers in chemistry at a national meeting of the American Chemical Society. Russell plans to pursue a doctorate in chemistry. A two-year letterman in track at the College, he also served as a peer tutor and as a resident assistant in the Daniel Fox Youth Scholars Institute, a summer enrichment program for academically talented high school students. He graduated *summa cum laude* with departmental honors in chemistry, and is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon honor society.

Wolfe, who graduated with a double major in biology and German, was president of the Beta Beta Beta honor society in biology, an anatomy lab assistant, and the recipient of the Alvin R. Grove Biology Scholarship and the Graham Scholarship in biology. In addition to graduating with

honors, she is a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon honor society. Wolfe was such an enthusiastic student of German language and culture that her adviser, **Dr. Jim Scott**, professor of German, praised her by saying, "in all my years at this College, I have never known anyone who appreciated the curriculum as much as she did."



*Julia Wolfe '03 was one of two recipients of the H. Anthony Neidig Award.*



*Marion Markowicz receives the Nevelyn J. Knisley Award for Inspirational Teaching from Dr. Ross W. Fasick '55.*

**Jeff Remington**, adjunct instructor in the Master of Science Education Program at LVC and chair of the middle school science department at Palmyra Middle School, was the only secondary school teacher in Pennsylvania to receive the 2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. The National Science Foundation award of \$7,500 was presented March 21 in Washington, D.C. The award program identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers, kindergarten through 12th grade, in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions.

## LVC Parents on WEB

THE LAUNCH of LVC's new web site in July included many great changes including the addition of a

Parents Page with a Parents Guide, information on how to volunteer for the Parents Council and much more. Please visit [www.lvc.edu/parents](http://www.lvc.edu/parents) for more information.

**Dr. Johannes Dietrich**, associate professor of music, received the Distinguished Service Award last spring from the Pennsylvania/Delaware String Teachers Association.

**Dr. Barney T. Raffield III**, professor of business administration, won "The Student Government Educator of the Year Award" in April, an honor voted by the students. Raffield also received top honors in 1996 and 1999. "I can't tell you how much this means to me," Raffield said when receiving the honor during Dutchman Day activities. "The students here make it very easy to love them; they give back so much."

**Lauren Nickey '05** of Mechanicsburg has been chosen to serve a two-year term as a student trustee on the LVC Board of Trustees. Nickey, who is pursuing a degree in psychology, graduated from Cumberland Valley High School, where she was active in many extracurricular activities. Also assisting the Board this year will be **Melissa Ulrich '05**, a mathematics major from Reinholds, and **Craig Kazda '05**, a political science major from Biglerville. Nickey and Ulrich will serve on the Facilities Committee and Kazda will serve on the Strategic Planning Committee. At LVC, Nickey is vice president of her class, a peer

adviser, and a member of Psi Chi, an invitation-only national honor society for psychology students. She is a former member of both the LVC marching band and the Psychology Club.

**Dr. Salvatore Cullari**, professor *emeritus* of psychology, who joined the College in 1986 and served nine years as chair of the Psychology Department, was honored in June with the 2003 Psychology in the Media Award, which was presented at the Pennsylvania Psychological Association's Awards Ceremony at the Hilton Harrisburg Towers. He has conducted and published research with his students, and has been widely published on his own in professional journals. His teaching interests are clinical and abnormal psychology, personality and creativity. His current research areas are schizophrenia, eating disorders and psychopharmacology. He is also a contributing editor of two textbooks, *Counseling and Psychotherapy: A Practical Guide for Students, Trainees, and New Professionals* and

ple, he published an article in the June 2002 issue of the *North American Journal of Psychology*, titled "On Differentiating Major Depression from Chronic Sadness."

Cullari was selected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Psychological Foundation and was also elected chair of the Public Interest Board of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. He has served as president of the Institute for Psychotherapy and is a member of the American Psychological Association as well as other professional organizations.

## STUDENTS RAISE THOUSANDS FOR CANCER AWARENESS

For the second year in a row, the College sponsored the Relay for Life, a signature event of the American Cancer Society. The March relay raised over \$19,000. More than 40 LVC student teams walked, jogged or ran for 24 consecutive hours on the Arnold Sports Center track. The Relay for Life concluded the College's Wellness Days, a week dedicated to promoting health issues through activities such as lectures and games.

## TAX CHECK-OFF FOR BREAST CANCER

Pat Halpin-Murphy, president and founder of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition (PBCC), kicked off this year's Income Tax Check-Off for Breast and Cervical Cancer Research at the College in March. Featured speakers included Katie True, Pennsylvania representative, and **Deborah Strickler Freer '71**, a breast cancer survivor and volunteer for numerous organizations including the Lebanon American Cancer Board, PBCC, WIFE, Inc., and Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon. Landmark legislation initiated by the coalition in 1997 allows Pennsylvania taxpayers to donate all or part of their state tax refund to breast and cervical cancer research.

## CAMPUS VISITORS

Spanish students at LVC, under the guidance of **Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto**, assistant professor of Spanish, helped translate the work of a prize-winning poet and received the chance to meet the author April 22, when he came to the Valley to talk about his poetry and read poems from his new anthology. Manuel Patiño López, a Peruvian poet who is the 1997 recipient of Premio Nacional de Cultura of his country, is the author of *Manuel Patiño López in Two Worlds: First Bilingual Anthology*. "The art



*Lauren Nickey '05 was recently chosen to serve as a student trustee.*

*Foundations of Clinical Psychology*. He is the author of *Treatment Resistance: A Guide for Practitioners*, all published in Boston by Allyn & Bacon.

During the last few years, Cullari has been quoted widely in popular magazines such as *Good Housekeeping*, *Shape*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Women's Health & Fitness Magazine*, and *Seventeen*. His topics have included body-image perceptions, how to handle stress during the holidays, depression and self-esteem. He has covered some of the same topics in scholarly journals; for exam-



*Manuel Patiño López recently spoke on campus.*

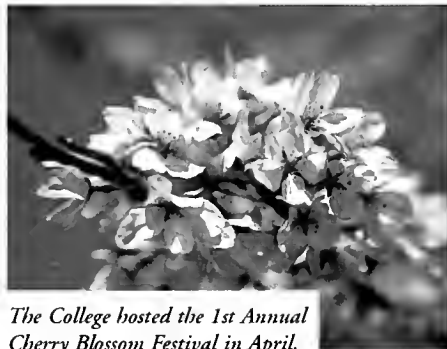
of translation is a gift given to only a few," López wrote in his new book. He is also the editor of several literary magazines and the author of numerous books. He has taught at Universidad Nacional de Educación, Chiclayo, and several other universities in Peru. The LVC students who participated in the translation were: **Kelly Bastek '06, Keri Bugden '06, David Krauson '06, John Crognale '06, Tim Flynn '05, Roberta Gantea '05, Andrea Granger '06, Chris Metzger '06, Amanda Hartman '06, Kate Jenkins '03, Chris Jessen '05, Andrew Jenkins '05, Josh Anderson '05, Tara Kauffman '05, Allison Lencicki '06, Devin Mack '03, Samantha Meglino '06,**

**Jenilee Myers '06, Leah Pyle '06, Jon Stiner '06, Jeremy Umbenhauer '06, Chris Fisher '05, Rachel Whipple '06, Jason Ambrose '05, Kevin Keller '06 and Megan Zengerle '06.**

Nationally known song leader Nick Page was the College's artist-in-residence the first week of March, conducting music and song workshops on campus and at the Lebanon and Lower Dauphin middle schools. Page is an inspirational music teacher who has worked with educational and choir groups around the country, sharing with them the great folk music of the world. He took part in classes and even led a sing-along at a fac-

ulty meeting. As an ethnomusicologist, his strongest interest is in the music of Africa and India. Page is the author of two books, *Music: A Way of Knowing* and *Sing and Shine On!* as well as the recording, *The Nick Page Songbook CD*. Page's residency in central Pennsylvania was made possible by a gift from **Vincent Pronio '47** and his wife, **Ronnie**.

In conjunction with the College's "Africa" Colloquium, **Dr. Kathy Robinson '81**, an expert on multicultural perspectives in music education and an assistant professor of music at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., presented a program March 27 on the music of Africa. Robinson co-directs the Eastman School's summer music education project in Kimberley, South Africa.



*The College hosted the 1st Annual Cherry Blossom Festival in April.*

## CAMPUS EVENTS

Lebanon Valley College held its first Cherry Blossom Festival April 11-13. The festival, sponsored by various student groups, replaces the former Spring Arts Festival. The new name is designed to highlight the arts outdoors at the same time that the College's extensive collection of cherry trees is blooming. The event was well attended by the public who joined the LVC family for evening concerts and daytime events such as dancing lessons, children's activities, food and craft vendors, and games for the greater Annville community.

One of the highlights of the weekend was The Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble performance, featuring dancers, drummers, stilt walkers, ground masquerades and acrobatics. Ensemble members are from inner city African-American families and are all martial artists at the award-winning Universal Pasha Karate School. The ensemble's appearance also concluded LVC's yearlong "Africa" colloquium.



*The Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble appeared at LVC as part of the Cherry Blossom Festival.*



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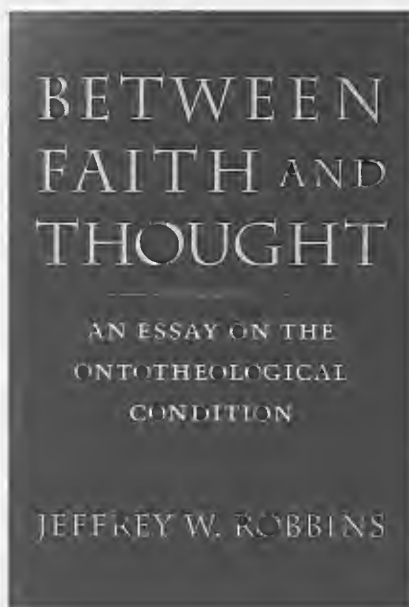
Lebanon Valley College premiered its first Step Show in April, featuring performers from fraternities and sororities from area colleges as well as youth step and drill teams from Lancaster, Harrisburg and New Jersey. Philadelphia DJ Ricchocher and LVC DJ Nelly (**Shanell Hinanokepa Johnson '06**) provided the music. Part of the proceeds from the event went for the Book Scholarship Fund for incoming LVC students. The brothers of Iota Phi Theta, the LVC Office of Multicultural Affairs and the student group, L.E.A.D. (Leading Education and Awareness for Diversity) sponsored the evening.

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**Dr. William McGill Jr.**, senior vice president and dean of the faculty *emeritus*, has written a book, titled *Poets' Meeting: George Herbert, R. S. Thomas and the Argument with God*. McFarland Publishers released the book this fall. Also, his long story "Release Point" has been accepted by Birch Book Press as part of an anthology of long baseball stories.

**Dr. Noel Hubler**, associate professor of religion and philosophy, has completed the revisions of his translation of the Septuagint Version of the book of Ezekiel, which will be published by Oxford University Press. Oxford plans to include it in a fascicle of translations of the Prophets to appear in 2004. The complete New English Translation of the Septuagint is slated for publication in 2005. The Septuagint is the Ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, a project that required careful comparison of the Greek and Hebrew texts.

In a book that suggests a new relationship between faith and thought, and a new understanding of the relationship between theology and philosophy, **Dr. Jeffrey Robbins**, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, takes on what many identify as the defining issue of contemporary philosophical theology: the problem of ontotheology. *Between Faith and Thought: An Essay on the Ontotheological Condition* is both an examination of the history of 20th-century religious thought and an argument for a new, less dogmatic and less antagonistic future for philosophical theology. The book was published last April by the University of Virginia Press as a part of its series called "Studies in Religion and Culture." It is written as a dialogue between the continen-



tal and contemporary philosophical traditions.

**Dr. Noëlle Vahanian**, adjunct instructor in religion and philosophy, has published her first book, *Language, Desire, and Theology: A Genealogy of the Will to Speak*. The book is part of the Routledge "Studies in Religion" series. It is an effort to develop a new theological approach to language in the light of contemporary critical theory.

**Dr. Roger Nelson**, professor and chair of the Physical Therapy Program, had a paper published in the January-February 2003 issue of *Electromyography and Clinical Neurophysiology*, titled "Comparison of motor unit action potential characteristics and hand dominance using monopolar needle electrodes in the abductor pollicis brevis and abductor digiti minimi muscles."

**Dr. Eric Bain-Selbo**, chair and associate professor of religion and philosophy, has published "Awareness, Appropriation, and Loathing in Histories of Comparative Religion: Review and Assessment" in the *Journal of Religion & Society*. Bain-Selbo also wrote "From Pride to Cowardice: Obstacles to the Dialogical Classroom" for the February 2003 issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Teaching Theology & Religion*.

**Marie Bongiovanni**, chair and associate professor of English, contributed an entry on Gretel Ehrlich to the *Dictionary of Literary Biography (DLB)*. This entry

appears in the 2003 volume, *Twentieth-Century American Nature Writers: Prose*. The multi-volume *DLB*, a reference tool for students, teachers, researchers and the public, is designed to place authors "in the larger perspective of literary history and to offer appraisals of their accomplishments by qualified scholars."

**Dr. Dennis Tulli '69**, visiting assistant professor of education, has published a project report in *Powerful Teaching*, a book written by Judy Taccogna and published by the Search Institute in Minneapolis, Minn. His project was used to demonstrate the implementation of a developmental asset plan within a school curriculum and instruction program.

**Dr. Louis Laguna**, assistant professor of psychology, had a paper accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Cognitive Therapy and Research*, an international journal that focuses on the role of cognitive processes in psychopathology. His paper is titled "Chronic worry as avoidance of arousal: A bioinformational model."

**Dr. Barry X. Friedman**, assistant professor of psychology, had some findings from his dissertation, "Cues to Commitment," profiled in netscape.com's "Love & Personals" section. The article, titled "Sex & Commitment: What He Thinks, What She Thinks ..." by Laura Snyder, pointed out that according to new research by Friedman, sex is still a wild card when it comes to determining someone's interest in commitment.

*Olandina*, a Peruvian literary magazine, recently published an essay by **Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pintos**, assistant professor of Spanish, titled "Ester de Izaguirre: su poesía inicial." Also, nine of her poems were included in the Conference Proceedings of the V International Casa de Poetas del Perú Conference, and *Palavreiros*, a literary magazine from Brazil, selected three additional poems for "Poetry Day."

**Dr. Sharon F. Clark**, professor of business administration, recently wrote two reviews for *Choice*, a journal that publishes critiques of new scholarly books and electronic products for librarians and faculty members. She reviewed *The Complete Guide to Conflict Resolution in the Workplace* by Marick F. Masters and Robert R. Albright, and

*Servants of the State: Managing Diversity and Democracy in the Federal Workforce, 1933-1953* by Margaret C. Rung.

**Dr. Paul A. Heise**, professor of economics, has been writing a bi-weekly column for the editorial page of the *Lebanon Daily News*. He addresses local, state and national issues concerning the political economy. Heise invites ideas for issues to address in his column, and continues his regular appearances on local talk radio.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Walter Patton**, assistant professor of chemistry, has received a Cottrell College Science Award from Research Corporation, a foundation for the advancement of chemistry, physics and astronomy. The \$39,820 grant will support two years of Patton's research on the "Mechanism of Ammonia Transfer in *E. coli* GMP Synthetase."

The Lebanon Valley College Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble concert featured traditional and contemporary music at its annual spring concert April 6, including two pieces written by LVC graduates. The program featured a new work by local composer and music educator **Rodney S. Miller '77**. A special feature of the wind ensemble portion of the program was the premiere performance of a new work by **Jonathan Crane '02**, who is now studying music composition at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

**Dr. Louis Zivic**, adjunct instructor in religion, received the doctor of divinity degree *honoris causa* in February 2003 from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

**Dr. Christopher Brazfield**, assistant professor of mathematics, has passed the Course 1 examination administered in the fall of 2002 toward actuarial credentialing. The Course 1 examination is jointly administered by the Society of Actuaries and the Casualty Actuarial Society.

**Joel Kline '89**, assistant professor of business and economics and acting director of the Digital Communications Program, was universally accredited last spring in the field of public relations. He earned the APR designation, which is awarded to public relations professionals who pass oral and written exams that test broad disciplinary knowledge, strategic perspective and sound professional judgment. Less than 5,000

## Dr. Carl Y. Ehrhart '40 Leaves a Legacy of Excellence

**Dr. Carl Y. Ehrhart '40**, who for nearly half a century was one of the guiding intellectuals of Lebanon Valley College, both as a philosophy professor and as a longtime vice president and dean of the College, died June 25 in Cornwall Manor Nursing Home. He was 85. Ehrhart, who was also an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, was honored at his retirement from LVC in 1983 with the titles of professor *emeritus* of philosophy and dean *emeritus* of the College. He then began a second career as a supply and/or interim pastor at various local Methodist churches.

After graduating with a degree in history from Lebanon Valley College in 1940, Ehrhart went on to earn a master of divinity degree in 1943 from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Ehrhart had completed his course work for a doctor of divinity degree at Yale University when he came back to LVC in 1947 as professor and chair of philosophy, a position he held for 17 years. He continued to teach even after he became dean of the College in 1960. He finished his doctoral degree in 1954, but he cautioned anyone who thought his "bucket of knowledge was just about full," as he put it in a 1964 article in the *Lebanon Valley College Bulletin*. Instead, he urged his readers to retain "the sense of wonder, or awe ... of the deep mystery of the universe and of ourselves."

In a 2001 interview in *The Valley*, Ehrhart explained how he was named a dean. Then-President **Frederic K. Miller** called him to say, "We know you are not going to be a scholar ... so you might as well be dean," Ehrhart recalled with a laugh. Ehrhart's longtime friend and colleague, **Dr. H. Anthony Neidig '43**, professor *emeritus* of chemistry, disagreed with this assessment. In a *Lebanon Daily News* story published just after Ehrhart's death, Neidig said, "He was a scholar, without question, extremely well read." Neidig added that his friend would be remembered most for his outstanding teaching abilities. **Dr. Howard Applegate**, professor *emeritus* of history and American studies, agreed. "Carl Ehrhart was one of the most incredible and beloved teachers when he was on the faculty. People would take his courses even when they weren't required to." As a dean, Applegate credits Ehrhart with transforming the faculty from a somewhat parochial group, many of whom had graduated from LVC, to a much more cosmopolitan and diverse group of scholars, capable of winning major teaching awards.

Ehrhart sometimes referred to himself as the College's "court jester." In his 1960 installation address as dean, Ehrhart made light of administrative roles when he said a president's job at a college was to do the public speaking, the professor's job was to do the thinking, and the dean's job was to try to keep the professors from speaking and the president from thinking.

As an administrator, Ehrhart continued to foster close ties between the staff and students. He sometimes wrote letters congratulating students on making dean's list, personalizing them with rhymes that highlighted the students' unique qualities.



Dr. Ehrhart

Ehrhart was appointed to the new office of vice president and dean of the College in 1967, and 13 years later he was promoted to the position of vice-president/assistant to the president at LVC. He also served as director of auxiliary schools for nine years.

After his retirement, Ehrhart continued to work for the College as a member of the Toward 2001 capital campaign steering committee and he frequently served on alumni committees. When he was nominated for the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1973, the only notable accomplishment he mentioned on his biographical form was, "Survived for almost 25 years at LVC." He also might have added, "Thrived."

His wife of 55 years, Geraldine M. Baldwin Ehrhart, died three years ago. He is survived by three daughters, Carole L. Whittam of Silver Spring, Md., Constance S. Dwyer of Mt. Gretna and **Anne B. Bocian '77** of Harrisburg, and three grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Miller Chapel in July. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scholarship Endowment Fund, c/o Dr. G. Edwin Zeiders, United Theological Seminary, 1810 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45406.

**Jefferson C. Barnhart '38** died February 10 in his Hershey home at the age of 84. Barnhart, a lawyer who earned a degree from Columbia Law School after graduating from the Valley, served on the LVC Board of Trustees and also received the College's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was married for 53 years to **Mary Elizabeth Zartman Barnhart '38**. A decorated veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he was instrumental in the development of the U.S. Army's tank simulator used to train drivers. Barnhart was an active member of the Hershey community and served on both the Derry Township School Board and the Derry Township Supervisors as well as on several bank boards. He is survived by two sons, Stephen Harry Barnhart of Cleveland and **Jeffrey Clifford Barnhart '84** of Hummelstown.

**Andrew W. Kreider '65** died May 6 in his Elverson home at the age of 60. He was married for 37 years to **Mary Bollman Kreider '62**. He served as a church representative to the LVC Board of Trustees in the 1980s, and was an active recruiter for his Alma Mater. His grandfather, father and two sisters were also LVC graduates. Kreider was a businessman who worked for Trim Master Co. in Temple.

professionals have earned the designation, which is recognized by a large group of public relations organizations and is administered by the Public Relations Society of America.

**Tom Hanrahan**, director of college relations, has been selected to serve as the rep-

resentative for private institutions on the Board of Directors for the College and University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania (CUPRAP). Hanrahan will serve a two-year term on the board of CUPRAP, a statewide association of public relations and publications professionals at

Pennsylvania colleges and universities. CUPRAP has more than 450 individual members who represent more than 100 colleges and universities across Pennsylvania.

## COLLABORATORS

LVC wins again at Phi Beta Lambda!

In what has become an annual occurrence, Lebanon Valley College business students excelled at the Phi Beta Lambda (International Business Fraternity) State Leadership Conference. All eight LVC students, members of the College's Department of Business and Economics, placed among the top three in the state at the 32nd annual conference, titled "Building a Better Business Professional." The competition was hosted in April by Central Penn College in Camp Hill. **Bill Bainbridge '03**, **Jaime Cronin '04**, **Judie Leidy '04**, **Linda Martz '03** and **Adria Yannaccone '03** each earned first-place honors. **Taylor Reinhard '04** achieved a second-place finish while **Jen Bednar '04** and **Aubrie Ensinger '06** each won third-place honors. Attending the conference with their students were **Donald Boone**, **Dr. Sharon F. Clark** and **Dr. Barney Raffield III**. They are LVC Phi Beta Lambda advisers and faculty members in the College's Department of Business and Economics.



## MUSIC REUNION: A Resounding Success

BY DR. MARK MECHAM

June 12-June 15 were a remarkable four days on campus this summer. The focus of the annual LVC Alumni Weekend was Celebrate Reunions and a Tradition of Music. Thursday evening started off with three rehearsals: a Jazz Band directed by **Tom Strohman '75**, a Concert Band directed by **Dr. Robert Hearson**, and a Concert Choir directed by **Dr. Mark Mecham**. More than one hundred alumni joined in the making of music: Twenty one joined in the Jazz Band, 40 in the Concert Band and 60 in the Concert Choir. On Friday, the Jazz Band presented an evening performance with alumni representing seven decades: from pianist **Ablert H. Morrison '43** to percussionist **Daniel W. Brenner '02**. With only three rehearsals together, the level of performance was amazing. To hear the full band and small combos play together in such a professional manner after only three rehearsals was thrilling. This stellar performance was followed on Saturday evening by an equally fine performance prepared (in five rehearsals) by the Concert Band and Choir, culminating in a combined performance of Carmen Dragon's band-chorus arrangement of "America the Beautiful." Souvenir CDs were prepared for all participants. Hats off to colleagues **Ann Hess Myers**, director of alumni programs; **Deborah Bullock Wescott '95**, associate director of alumni programs; **Marilyn E. Boeshore**, secretary, alumni programs; student assistant **John W. Feather '05**; their associates in the Advancement Office; and accompanists **Brenda L. McElwee '03**, **Cheryl L. Kilhefner '03** and **Gregory J. Strohman '07** for a well-organized and thoroughly enjoyable Alumni Weekend.

Dr. Mark Mecham is currently on sabbatical and will be overseeing the College's New Zealand Program in the spring. This article originally appeared in the Music Alumni Newsletter.

**Dr. Lou Manza**, associate professor of psychology, and **Christina Marco '04**, psychology, presented a poster in Baltimore at the annual March meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. The poster, based on an experiment conducted in the Psychology Department, was titled "Science vs. Pseudoscience: Encouraging Skepticism in an Undergraduate Statistics Course."

During the summer of 2003, **Dr. Scott Walck**, assistant professor of physics, and **Dr. David Lyons**, assistant professor of mathematics, conducted a research project in quantum information with students **Jonathan Pitt '03**, physics, and **Nicholas Hamblet '04**, mathematical sciences. The students produced three-dimensional animation software to explore quantum entanglement. Walck and Lyons achieved some new research results. In January 2003, Pitt and Hamblet presented their projects in Baltimore at a poster session for undergraduate research at the national joint meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America.

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Hamblet's project was called "Visualizing the Hopf Fibration." Pitt presented "Stationary 2-qubit Quantum States." At the same meeting, Lyons presented his and Walck's research results in a session on geometry and topology. Lyons' talk was titled "Simplified method for classification of entanglement types."

**Dr. Cheryl George** and **Jane Yingling**, assistant professors of education, attended the Tenth Annual Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 Special Education Conference in June 2003, where they gave a presentation on "A Higher Education and K-12 Partnership: Preparing Pre-Service Teachers for a Career in Special Education." Two Lebanon Valley College students, **Jennifer Peirson '03** and **Amanda Kelly '03**, co-presented.

**Candice Falger**, coordinator of the Master of Science Education Program; **Cynthia Johnston**, lecturer in chemistry; and **Jeremy Wolfe**, Palisades High School, presented a workshop in March, titled "CSI Amateur Crime Scene Investigations," at the National Science Teachers meeting in Philadelphia. Eighty-three teachers from elementary, middle and high schools attended the workshop.

**Dr. David Lyons'** article "An Elementary Introduction to the Hopf Fibration," appeared in the April 2003 issue of *Mathematics Magazine*, published by the Mathematical Association of America. Lyons also produced the cover artwork on the April issue with the help of **Jonathan Pitt '03**.

Several LVC science majors presented their research in April at the 79th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science in Grantville. **Regina Kettering '03**, biochemistry, presented a poster, titled "Comparative morphology of *Plumbago auriculata* and *Plumbago indica* sepals." This work was co-authored with **Dr. Stephen Williams** and **Dr. Allan Wolfe**, professors of biology. **Nicholas Petrovich '03**, biology, presented a poster, titled "Microscopic study of the cuticular setae on the body of *Artemia franciscana*." This work was co-authored with Wolfe. **Laura Fuhrman '03**, biology, and **Mary Olanich '05**, psychobiology and biology, presented a poster, titled "The effect of task complexity on gender differences in spatial learning in rats." This work was co-

authored with **Dr. Deanna Dodson**, associate professor of psychology, and **Dr. Dale Erskine**, professor of biology.

**Dr. Walter Patton**, assistant professor of chemistry, and four students attended the 67th Annual Intercollegiate Student Chemists' Convention April 5 at Villanova University. **Jennifer Gehman '03**, biochemistry, presented results from her research with Patton in a talk, titled "A Strategy for Cloning and Expression of E. coli GMP Synthetase Mutants." Gehman won a second-place award for her presentation. Also presenting at the meeting was **Jared Bushey '04**, chemistry. His talk, "Integral Equation Theory for Counterion Interactions in Associating Polymers," focused on aspects of his research with **Dr. Kathleen Kolbet**, assistant professor of chemistry. Also attending the meeting were **Jennifer Kreidler '03**, chemistry, and **Christine Lightcap '04**, biochemistry. In addition, Dr. Patton and five students attended the April 30 meeting of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Section of the American Chemical Society at York College. During the meeting, **William Pitcock '03**, chemistry, received an ACS award as LVC's outstanding senior chemistry major. As a research student of **Dr. Carl Wigal**, chair and professor of chemistry, Pitcock has given presentations on the synthesis of quinones at regional scientific meetings and co-authored articles in *The Journal of Organic Chemistry*. Two of Patton's students presented posters at the meeting: **Jennifer Kreidler '03**, chemistry, discussed "Investigating the Binding and Catalytic Sites Within the ATP-pyrophosphatase Domain of E. coli GMP Synthetase." **Jordan Newell '05**, biology, discussed "The Generation of Recombinant Proteins to Examine the Dimeric Organization of E. coli GMP Synthetase." **Regina Kettering '03**, biochemistry, presented a poster on her research with **Dr. Allan Wolfe**, professor of biology, titled "A Histochemical Study of *Artemia franciscana* Hemocytes." **Gabriel Johnson '05**, biology, co-authored the poster with Kettering.

## PRESENTERS

The work of **Dan Massad**, LVC's artist-in-residence, was featured in several exhibitions during spring 2003, both locally and in West Virginia. One of his pastels was included in *Transforming the Commonplace*, a show at the Susquehanna Art Museum in Harrisburg. The Lancaster Museum of Art presented five

of Massad's pastels and a lithograph in *Study Drawings*, a small solo show and the Huntington Museum of Art in Huntington, W. Va., displayed his recent pastels in another solo show. Massad was also invited to give a lecture and a three-day workshop on the art of pastels as part of Huntington's *Walter Gropius Master Artist Workshop Series*.

**Joel Kline '89**, assistant professor of business administration and acting director of the Digital Communications Program, gave a breakfast presentation titled "Business and Technology: Where Are We Headed?" in spring 2003 at the Northern Lebanon Rotary Club. Kline discussed emerging business technology trends and explained the current value of technology in small business.

**Dr. Michael Day**, professor of physics, presented a paper, titled "Rabi, Snow, and 'The Two Cultures,'" at the April national meeting of the American Physical Society in Philadelphia.

**Dr. Eric Bain-Selbo**, chair and professor of religion and philosophy, presented a paper in March, titled "A Moral Analysis of the Goldhagen-Browning Debate, or, Why So Many Germans Were Bad People," at the 33rd Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. The conference was held at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

**Dr. Jeffrey Robbins**, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, presented a paper last spring, titled "Postmodernism, Orientalism and the Politics of Theory," at the American Academy of Religion Eastern International Region Conference at Mercyhurst College in Erie.

**Jean-Paul Benowitz**, adjunct instructor in history, presented a paper in April, titled "Eisenhower the Democrat? Reconsidering the American Presidency and Popular Culture of the 1950s." He gave the address at the 33rd Annual Popular Culture Association Conference in New Orleans. Benowitz serves as the area chair of the biography section of the association.

**Jeffrey Zufelt**, director of development, was a speaker in February 2003, at the annual Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II conference in New York City. The topic of Zufelt's presen-

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tation was "The Love/Hate Relationship between Development and Alumni Relations." His talk centered on how the two functions are interdependent in the life of a college. Zufelt also was the keynote speaker March 20 at Lafayette College at the biannual meeting of the Professional Researchers of Eastern Pennsylvania/ Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement (PREP/APRA). He spoke on the use of "data mining" to focus development efforts.

**Walter Labonte**, instructor in English and director of the Writing Center, presented a demonstration in spring 2003 to the English faculty at the Lebanon Campus of the Harrisburg Area Community College

on the use of computer-assisted writing instruction in developmental classes. This program is grant-funded and seeks to help at-risk students develop confidence and skill in writing by working with a specially designed computer program that the students can use either in class or through the Internet from home.

In February 2003, **Dr. Noel Hubler**, associate professor of religion and philosophy, visited a seventh-grade class at Cedar Crest Middle School to explain the fundamentals of cuneiform writing. He also led a demonstration on the mechanics of writing on clay tablets.

**Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto**, assistant professor of Spanish, was invited to the Fifth

International Encounter of Hispanic Women Writers (V Encuentro Internacional de Escritoras Hispanas) in San Juan, Puerto Rico in May 2003. This event was sponsored by Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña and Creación Femenina en el mundo Hispánico.

For the past two years, **Dr. Donald E. Kline**, acting chair and associate professor of education, has served as the overall planning committee chair of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) National Convention, held last spring from March 27–30 in Philadelphia. The convention was the fifth largest in the history of NSTA with an estimated attendance of 18,000, including registered conventioners, their guests and exhibitors.

**Dr. Luke Huggins**, assistant professor of biology, was the only person from a primarily undergraduate institution to speak at the 2003 Northeast Regional Meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology, in April at Woods Hole, Mass. He gave a talk, titled "The *Drosophila* mutant without children (*woc*) is a suppressor of Dpp signaling and a potential new component of the TGF-beta/BMP signal transduction pathway."

Twenty Lebanon Valley College professors called on their expertise and special interests this summer when they discussed a wide-ranging collection of books in two separate book review series that were free and open to the public. The first series was held at the Freeman Auditorium, Cornwall, and second at the Pennsylvania Chautauqua Community Building at Mount Gretna. **Dr. Howard Applegate**, professor *emeritus* of history and American studies, arranged both series.

On May 8, **Scott Schweigert**, director of the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery, served as a panelist at the Susquehanna Museum of Art, Harrisburg. Schweigert discussed "Does Design Belong in Art Museums?" with other panelists, including architect Charles Alexander and *The Patriot-News* arts columnist Zachary Lewis. The panel discussion was organized in response to a review of the museum's recent exhibition of work by architect Michael Graves and Associates. On July 17, Schweigert spoke on Renaissance architecture at the Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies, University of Maryland, College Park. The week-long symposium, "The Arts of the Renaissance:



Gary Schneider, Genetic Self  
portrait. Hands—see page  
43 for more information.



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## GALLERY

In conjunction with Lebanon Valley's 2003-2004 colloquium "Science and Public Policy," the Gallery is presenting a collection of works by internationally known photographer Gary Schneider. The exhibition *Gary Schneider: Biology*, will be on view from January 9 through February 15, 2004. This exhibition will explore the often-ambiguous relationship between science and art. The New York-based artist creates photographs that reveal the invisible world of cells, chromosomes and natural specimens, encouraging viewers to question the impact of genetics on their daily lives, and to discern the inherent beauty in this process. Schneider's work has been featured in *Artforum*, *Art on Paper*, *The New York Times* and *Le Temps*, among other publications. His work is included in the collections of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Art Institute of Chicago and the Guggenheim Museum.

## COLLOQUIUM UNDERWAY

LVC's 2003-2004 Colloquium aims to investigate the mutual impact of "Science & Public Policy" in several areas: How should advances in scientific knowledge and technology affect public policy regarding such issues as global climate change, nuclear weapons proliferation, high school curricula and the teaching of evolution, and bio-engineering?

The first speaker, Bob Reiss, a leading author and environmental activist, discussed his book, *The Coming Storm*, on global warming and U.S. energy policy. The series continued with a visit from Dr. Eric Barron, one of the nation's top climate scientists and dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University. He predicted what may be in store for the 21st century and explained how human activity may cause global warming. Barron heads the National Academy of Sciences Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate. Also, John David Isaacs, one of the nation's top lobbyists for arms control, spoke on "Nuclear Weapons and You." Isaacs is the senior associate for policy at the Council Center for Arms Control, part of The Council for a Livable World. These organizations seek to persuade politicians to halt the spread of weapons of mass destruction.



For a look at the history of nuclear weapons, Kai Bird spoke on "J. Robert Oppenheimer and the Development of Atomic Weapons." Bird is the author of a forthcoming biography on Oppenheimer and is also a contributing editor to *The Nation* and co-editor of *Hiroshima's Shadow*, which takes issue with the Truman administration's rationale for dropping nuclear bombs on civilians in Japan. Concluding the lecture series was Daniel Greenberg, who discussed "Scientists, Politics and the Bush Administration." He drew on his expertise as a science writer for *The Washington Post* and as the author of *Science, Money, and Politics: Political Triumph and Ethical Erosion*.

The students of Dr. Kevin Pry's '76 English class presented *Galileo*, Bertolt Brecht's drama about the brilliant 16th century astronomer and physicist. Galileo was convicted of heresy and sentenced to life imprisonment for challenging the Catholic Church's earth-centered view of the universe. The colloquium will continue next semester. Visit the LVC web site at [www.lvc.edu](http://www.lvc.edu) for more information.

## NEW FACULTY

Dr. Dolores Buttry, who specializes in modernist German literature and 12th-century French literature, has been named an assistant professor of foreign languages. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in French from Illinois State University, and another master's degree in German from Middlebury College, Vt. Buttry also has two doctorates, one in comparative literature from the University of Illinois and another in French from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Stan M. Dacko has been named an associate professor of physical therapy. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology at Rutgers University in Newark, a master of arts degree and a master of science degree in physical therapy from Boston University, and a doctorate in neuroscience from Hahnemann University.

Dr. Marcia Epler has been named an associate professor of physical therapy. She earned her master's and doctoral degrees at Temple University and did her undergraduate work at Ithaca College in New York, where she earned a bachelor's degree in general studies and a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy.

Dr. Lee Ann Grisolano is a visiting assistant professor of psychology with an interest in pediatric psychology and neuropsychology as well as school psychology. She completed her bachelor's degree in psychology and communication studies at the University of Iowa, and also earned her doctorate there in school and pediatric psychology. Grisolano is a pediatric neuropsychologist for the Center for Neurobehavioral Health in Camp Hill.

Dr. Rebecca Crow Lister has joined the Music Department as an assistant professor specializing in vocal literature. After earning a degree in music education from James Madison University in Virginia, she went to graduate school at Florida State University, where she earned a master's degree and a doctorate in voice performance.

Penelope Lee Samuelson has been named an assistant professor of physical therapy. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in physical therapy. Samuelson also holds a master's degree in public administration from Pennsylvania State University. Currently, she is a doctoral candidate at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo, Utah.

Dr. Jeffrey Richard Savage, a prize-winning pianist, has been named an assistant professor of music. He came to LVC from The Juilliard School, where he served simultaneously as an adjunct faculty member and on the faculty for Juilliard's pre-college division. Savage majored in piano at the University of Colorado at Boulder and earned both his master of music and doctor of musical arts degrees in piano at The Juilliard School.

# LVC Invites Five New Trustees to Join Board; Lehr Named Chair

**WILLIAM LEHR JR.**, retired senior vice president and secretary, Hershey Foods Corporation, was recently named as LVC's chair of the Board of Trustees. He assumed the role from **Dr. Ross W. Fasick '55, H'03**, who served as chair from 1997 until May 17, 2003. Lehr, who has been an LVC trustee since 1999, received a bachelor's degree *cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame and a juris doctor degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Lehr is widely known for his philanthropic efforts and has served on numerous boards and associations. He is chairman of The Greater Harrisburg Foundation as well as chairman of the Capital Region's Early Childhood Training Institute; a director and vice chairman of Capital Blue Cross; a director and immediate past chairman of Americans for the Arts; and a director and immediate past president of the Susquehanna Art Museum. He is a member of the advisory board of The University of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and of CHANNELS Flood Rescue. In 2003, he was designated a regional "Mover and Shaker" by the *Central Pennsylvania Business Journal*. He is also a trustee of Hursha Hospitality Trust, a real estate investment trust.

Lehr has served as chairman of the Pennsylvania MILRITE Council, as chairman of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, as chairman of MetroArts of the Capital Region, as chairman and president of the Capital Division of the Pennsylvania Economy League, and as a founding director and vice chairman of the board of the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. He was a member of Governor Ed Rendell's Arts and Culture Transition Team. Lehr is married to the artist **Beverlee Balch Lehr**. They are the parents of Audrey, William and James.



tant to the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner.

Mead has served with various community organizations including as chairman of the board of advisers of Penn State Harrisburg, chairman of the Central Pennsylvania U.S. Savings Bond Campaign for the United States Treasury Department, and campaign chairman of the United Way of the Capital Region. He is past chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and is currently a member of the board of directors of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, chairman of the board of BCS Financial Incorporated, Chicago; the Harrisburg Symphony Association; and The Greater Harrisburg Foundation.

**JOHN S. OYLER**, a partner of the law firm McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC since 1982, is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Princeton University and was a member of the *Virginia Law Review* and the Order of the Coif while a student at the



University of Virginia School of Law. Oyler is a corporate and tax lawyer who has represented automobile dealers for his entire legal career and serves as outside general counsel for the Pennsylvania Automotive Association. Oyler assisted in drafting and revising the Pennsylvania Board of Vehicles Act and has presented at various NADA workshops nationwide. His business counseling practice includes the representation of automobile dealerships and auto dealers, representation of agricultural cooperatives, the acquisition and sale of businesses, and general business counseling.

Oyler served as managing partner of his law firm from 1992 to 2002.

Oyler is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Dauphin County Bar Associations; the board of directors and the executive committee, and chair of the marketing committee of The Greater Harrisburg Foundation; member of the board of directors of Knouse Foods Cooperative, Inc.; member of the board of directors and the executive committee, and secretary of the Team Pennsylvania Foundation. He is listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*®. He and his wife, Lydia, live in Mechanicsburg, and have two sons, Jack and David.

**Editor's Note:** **Lauren Nickey '05**, LVC's new student trustee, is featured on page 36.



**DR. GARY GRIEVE-CARLSON**, professor of English and director of the General Education and American Studies programs, has taught at LVC for 13 years including service as chair of the English Department. He holds a doctorate in English and has received

several academic honors.

Grieve-Carlson oversees the College's year-long colloquium, and is a member of the Study Abroad Committee and the Diversity Advisory Committee. He has been LVC's on-site director for New Zealand, and is a past member of the Curriculum Committee, Faculty Standards and Policies Committee and the faculty Executive Committee. He and his wife, Bridget, have three children: Timothy (12), Jessye (8) and Grace (6).



**ELYSE ROGERS '76**, a partner with the law firm of Keefer Wood Allen & Rahal, LLP, is a graduate of Lebanon Valley, *cum laude* and The Dickinson School of Law, *magna cum laude*, who has been featured in the past two editions

of *The Best Lawyers in America*. In her practice, she concentrates on wealth transfer planning and business planning, as well as estate administration and representation of closely held business owners.

Rogers is active at Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, currently serving as a trustee. In the past, she has served as a trustee of the Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund and the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund, and zone director for the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. She has received two special achievement awards from the Pennsylvania Bar Association, as well as the President's Award. Rogers is an adjunct professor at the Dickinson School of Law, where she teaches Estate Planning & Wealth Transfer Taxation.

**JAMES M. MEAD**, president and chief executive officer of Capital BlueCross, received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, both in economics, from The Pennsylvania State University. Before joining Capital BlueCross, he served as a member of the faculty of the School of Business at The Pennsylvania State University in Harrisburg. He also served as special assis-



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